

VICTORIA WEATHER

Forecast for 24 hours from 5 a.m.—
Wind chiefly northerly, continued
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\$1.00
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bottle, \$1.25
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per bottle, \$1.00
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Gibbey's Plymouth Gin, per bot-
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Good Cooking Sherry, per bot-
tle, 50c
Old Rye Whisky, quart bottle,
50c; pint, 35c
Nine Year Old Rye per quart \$1.00
Seagram's Star Rye, per bot-
tle, \$1.00
Seagram's Fine '83 Rye, per bot-
tle, \$1.25

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Lyon's Fine Old Port, per bot-
tle, \$1.00
Lyon's Fine Very Old Port, per
bottle, \$1.50
Gibbey's Invalid Port, per bot-
tle, \$1.25
Penfold's Australian Doctor's
Port, per bottle, \$1.25
Fine California Port, per bot-
tle, 50c
Very Old California Port, per
bottle, 75c
Native Port, per bottle, 35c
Pelle Island (St. Augustine) Port
fine, per bottle, 50c
Fine Dry Sherry, per bottle, \$1.00
Fine Very Dry Sherry, per bot-
tle, 50c
Gibbey's Beauce Burgundy, per
quart, \$1.00
Gibbey's Chamberlain, per quart,
\$1.50
Gibbey's Sparkling Red Burgun-
dy per pint, \$1.25
Gibbey's Hochheimer Rhine Wine
pints 50c; quarts, \$1.00
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pints) in hamper, \$10.00
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PLAN TO REFORM HOUSE OF LORDS

Report of Select Committee on
Subject Offers Radical
Suggestions

QUALIFICATION MAIN TEST

Hereditary Peers to Be Repre-
sented By Two Hundred
Elected

London, Dec. 3.—The report of the
select committee of the House of
Lords appointed to suggest a plan for
the reform of the upper house was
issued today. The committee finds it
undesirable that the possession of a
peerage should of itself give the right
to sit and vote in the House of Lords,
and it recommends that qualifications
should be the main test of admission
to the reformed house.

It then sets forth that all heredi-
tary peers should be formed into an
electoral body for the purpose of
electing two hundred of their number
to sit and vote as the Lords of Parlia-
ment, not for life but for a single
parliament; that the spiritual lords of
parliament be reduced to ten, to be
elected by the bishops, the two arch-
bishops sitting, during the tenure of
their sees, and the other eight for the
duration of parliament; that Canada,
Australia, New Zealand and South
Africa have official representation in
the House of Lords; that a number
of hereditary peers, estimated at 130,
possessing certain qualifications,
should sit without the necessity of
election, these to include men who
have held the post of cabinet minister,
viceroys, governor-general of Canada
and governor-general of any of the
larger colonies, and naval and military
officers of high rank, and that twenty
years' service in the House of Com-
mons shall entitle one to a seat among
the peers.

This plan will give the reformed
House of Lords about 350 members,
namely three peers of the royal blood,
200 peers to be elected, about 130
qualified hereditary peers, 10 spiritual
lords and 5 judges.

The report adds that the commis-
sion feels that the party in power in
the House of Commons should be able
to count on a substantial following in
the House of Lords, but as opinions
as to the best means of attaining this
object are so diverse, it is unable to
make any recommendations.

IMPORTANT CAPTURE

Police of Twin Cities Gather in Gang
of Men Believed to Be Pro-
fessional Safe-Crackers

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 3.—A special
from Minneapolis says: Nine men
supposed to be members of a gang of
professional safe-crackers, wanted in
various towns of the northwest and
from points in Canada, were captured
here in a raid on rooms at 27 Eastman
avenue, Nicolet Island, by a Pinkerton
detective, Ole Ringdahl, of St. Paul,
and four Mill City officers. A com-
plete outfit of explosives and various
accessories commonly used by safe-
crackers was confiscated.

The catch is considered by the police
of the Twin Cities to be most impor-
tant. The men under arrest give these
names: G. E. Howard, Thomas Burn-
er, Edward Leburg, Harry Dean, W.
J. Stolz, Joseph Brown, Mike Berm-
ingham, John Baker and Gustaf Pet-
erson.

Steel Company Wins

Montreal, Dec. 3.—According to a
private cable received in the city this
afternoon from London, the privy-
council has decided that clause 3,
which stipulated the kind of coal the
Dominion Coal company was to sup-
ply to the Dominion Iron & Steel com-
pany, must stand, and, practically,
gives the decision of the famous case
to the steel company.

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To Unseat Mr. Sifton.

Brandon, Man., Dec. 3.—A petition
was filed this morning against the re-
turn of Hon. Clifford Sifton for Bran-
don.

For Missionary Movement

Toronto, Dec. 3.—At a banquet of
Anglican laymen it was reported that
21 out of the 34 Anglican churches in
Toronto had subscribed \$75,000 for the
missionary movement.

Against Mme. Steinheil

Paris, Dec. 3.—The body of Mme.
Japy, Mme. Steinheil's mother, was
exhumed today. A preliminary medical
examination showed that the spleen
was intact. This fact tends to prove
that Mme. Japy's death was not due
to strangulation, as appeared when the
body was discovered.

The Intellectual Preference

London, Dec. 3.—A resolution ex-
pressing gratification at the success of
the reduction of postal rates on news-
papers and magazines from the United
Kingdom to Canada was passed at a
meeting of the council of the British
Empire League held in the House of
Commons yesterday.

Call to Minister

Brandon, Man., Dec. 3.—At a meet-
ing of Brandon Presbytery, a call upon
the Crescent street church, Montreal,
was presented to and accepted by Rev.
W. W. Dickie, and translation was
granted. Mr. Dickie expects to be
able to commence work in Montreal on
January 20.

Calgary Payroll

Calgary, Dec. 3.—Yesterday the city
paid out \$17,053.55 for two weeks' pay
to the city employees as follows:
Gravity system \$2,870.45; electric
light, \$1,137.69; new mains, \$1,639.45;
and public works \$11,406.35. During
the month of November Grain Inspec-
tor Hill inspected 778 cars of grain,
against 400 cars in the same month of
1907.

RIOTOUS PILLAGERS IN PORT AU PRINCE

Wild Scenes Follow President's
Flight—Order Now Fairly
Restored

Port au Prince, Dec. 3.—For many
hours during the night following the
flight of Nord Alexis, riot and pillage
prevailed in Port au Prince. The popu-
lace, maddened by the spirit of revolt,
made full vent to their passions. They
looted stores and residences and
fought among themselves over the
booty, and were only held in check by
the armed force hastily called together
by General Perdevin, which fired a
volley into the mob and finally drove
the rioters into seclusion.

In all twelve people were killed and
many wounded before order was re-
stored. The committee of public safety
placed scores of citizens under arms
today, and comparatively tranquility
now reigns.

The American, French and German
ministers have just given notice-
ment that if the disorders continued
again they would land forces from the
warships. Those vessels already here
were reinforced by the United States
gunboat Eagle and the British cruiser
Seahorse.

Nord Alexis, the deposed president,
who spent a restless night on board
the French training ship, Duguay
Trouin, has been the object of much
consideration on the part of the com-
mander of the ship and the officers.
There is something in the wonderful
virility of the fallen president that
holds the admiration. Past thirty
years—how many years beyond that
mark nobody knows—Nord Alexis
faced his foes with the strength and
firmness of a man in the prime of
life. Today he said: "The
courageous conduct of M. Cartieron
(the French minister) saved my life."

With regard to his destination,
Nord Alexis said that he would wait
until he could be transported to Ja-
maica, St. Thomas or Martinique.
The sentiment of the people is
strong in favor of the Simon, and
he will probably be elected president
if the chambers can be assembled
without delay. General Simon has
arrived at Gressler, which is only about
12 miles distant. He has a strong
army under him, and will enter the
city on Friday morning.

A great quantity of stolen articles
have been taken to the central police
station, and 150 footers, men and
women, have been arrested.

The last body of troops which were
stationed at the crossroads, the divi-
sion under General Millonard, passed
through the city today with their rams,
ammunitions and several heavy guns, on
their way to the south. The authorities
were at one time entrenched at
the crossroads for the purpose of
checking the advance of the revolu-
tionists from the south, but they were
greatly depleted by desertions, until
there remained only a fraction of the
original army.

LOWER POSTAL RATE

Germany and United States Agree On
Reduction From Five to
Two Cents

Berlin, Dec. 3.—The United States
and Germany have arranged for a
postal rate on letters between the two
countries of two cents instead of the
existing rate of five cents. The new
rates will go into effect on January 1.
Members of the chamber of commerce
declared they were pained at a dis-
advantage as against their English
competitors doing business with Amer-
ica. The postal administration hesi-
tated to make the reduction and espe-
cially at this time, owing to the fact
that the deficit in the budget requires
great economy and makes it neces-
sary to find new sources of revenue,
but the ministry considered that the
advantages to be derived from the new
arrangement outweighed the mainte-
nance of revenue. Another point in
favor of the new rate is the fact that
large quantities of German mail for
America are being sent by freight to
England and posted there.

FISHERMEN LOST IN WILD STORM

Little Vessels Broken Up on
Rugged Rocks of Coast of
Newfoundland

SEVENTEEN ARE DROWNED

Gale and Blizzard Sweep the
Coasts of Island for Forty-
Eight Hours

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 3.—Seventeen
persons perished in a storm which
lashed the Newfoundland coast for 48
hours.

In all, ten fishing vessels have gone
ashore, most of them breaking into
fragments on the rocks. The victims
of the gale were members of the crews
of three of these craft.

The fishermen were all residents of
Newfoundland fishing villages. The
storm began on Tuesday evening and
developed into a blizzard. A north-
easterly gale caught many small schoon-
ers and sloops off the coast, and in
sudden for harbor before the blast
many of the crews lost their bearings
in the thick snowstorm.

RAILWAY COMMISSION

Members of Board Decide to Come to
Coast to Deal With Matters
in Dispute

Ottawa, Dec. 3.—The board of rail-
way commissioners will make a mid-
winter trip to the Pacific coast to deal
with matters in dispute at western
points. Announcement to this
effect was made yesterday by Chair-
man Mabey, in connection with the
hearing of the application of the Van-
couver, Victoria and Eastern Railway
and Navigation company for authority
to take additional lands for the divi-
sion of their road in the municipality
of Delta, in New Westminster dis-
trict.

The board decided to take under
consideration the complaint of the
Board of Trade of Guernsey, Sask.,
that the C.P.R. rates on grain to Port
William and points east discriminate
in favor of other shipping stations in
the same territory. The Board of
Trade was not represented before the
commission. On behalf of the C.P.R.
it was stated that a shorter line
to Guernsey is being built, and when
it is completed that station will get
better rates.

Foster vs. the Globe

Toronto, Dec. 3.—G. E. Foster has
filed his statement of claim in his
action against Rev. J. A. Macdonald
in the Globe. The grounds for Mr.
Foster's suit for \$50,000 damages for
slander are statements by Mr. Mac-
donald at a public meeting held at
Orillia on Oct. 20 last, and reported in
extenso in the Globe next day. In the
course of his speech Mr. Macdonald
alleged that Foster was a "shorter line
to Guernsey" and referred to certain
statements said to have been made in
chases by the Union Trust Company to
Mr. Foster.

MYSTERY OF LOANS IS STILL UNSOLVED

Standard Officials and Sup-
posed Borrower Are All
in Ignorance

New York, Dec. 3.—Efforts on the
part of federal counsel to obtain in-
formation regarding the loans of sums
aggregating \$22,000,000 to P. S. Train-
er by the Southern Pipe Line company,
a Standard subsidiary, came to nothing
today in the cross-examination of
John D. Archibold in the government
suit to dissolve the so-called oil trust.
For over a year Frank B. Kellogg, the
government inquirer, has sought to
learn the purposes of these large
loans. Mr. Archibold said that he
knew of no reason for the loans,
which he said might have represented
the adjustments between refining com-
panies which Mr. Trainer supplies with
oil. Mr. Trainer, who is connected
with the Standard's pipe line system,
has previously testified that he did
not know of the loans and never re-
ceived the money.

The cross-examination of Mr. Arch-
bold was practically concluded today,
when an adjournment of the case was
taken until next Monday.

H. M. Tilford, president of the
Standard Oil company of California,
and A. Moffitt, president of the
Standard Oil company of Indiana, will
likely follow Mr. Archibold on the
stand, after whom Wm. Rockefeller
will be called.

Fire in Edmonton

Edmonton, Dec. 3.—The Edmonton
steam laundry was destroyed by fire
last night. Loss \$22,000; insurance
\$12,000.

Homestead Entries

Moosejaw, Sask., Dec. 3.—The total
number of homestead entries for the
month of November recorded at the
land office was 1,806.

Diphtheria Epidemic

Prince Albert, Sask., Dec. 3.—An epi-
demic of diphtheria has broken out in
the lumber camps. Three are quaran-
tined and eight men are laid up.

Alberta's Gold Medal

Edmonton, Dec. 3.—Premier Ruther-
ford has received a gold medal from
the Toronto exhibition board for the
exhibit of this province at the fair.

Stole From City

Toronto, Dec. 3.—Geo. Adamson, for-
mer water rate comptroller for the
city of Toronto, was found guilty of
stealing \$2,200 from the city and re-
mandered for sentence. Evidence was
adduced that Adamson suffered from
mental weakness induced by the use
of drugs.

Hold-Up at Fernie

Fernie, B.C., Dec. 3.—Another hold-
up was reported to the police last
night near the brewery. Two men were
on their way home and were accosted
by four men who ordered them to
hold up their hands, which they de-
clined to do and made their escape in
the dark. A couple of shots were fired
but no one was injured.

Death By Violence

Vancouver, Dec. 3.—Murder or sui-
cide was plainly indicated by the partly
decomposed body of a Japanese, not
yet identified, found floating in Coal
harbor this afternoon. The throat re-
vealed a great gash, the neck indicates
two wounds, as from a knife, while
several front teeth are missing, the
jaw bearing marks of violence.

SHAH IS IN FAVOR OF A CONSTITUTION

Says People of Persia Must Be
Brought Gradually to
Self-Rule

Teheran, Dec. 3.—His Majesty the
Shah of Persia granted an audience
this afternoon to the local representa-
tive of the Associated Press and ex-
pressed a keen desire to dissipate some
of the false impressions regarding his
attitude on constitutionalism. His
Majesty asserted his belief in a con-
stitution in emphatic terms.

"I consider the institution of a con-
stitution as essentially necessary for
the advancement of Persia and the
wellbeing and prosperity of the Per-
sian people," he said. "I realize what
a great source of progress parliamen-
tary government has been to the other
nations, but the deplorable results of
the recent institution at Teheran of
the mejlis (national assembly) give
ample proof of the necessity for a
gradual development of the system in
this country. The mejlis proved to be
actually retrogressive instead of pro-
gressive, and the experience of the
people with the mejlis led to a wide-
spread movement against a revival of
the constitution, under which the in-
telligent masses anticipated a return
of the evils to which they were sub-
jected under the first assembly."

"It is necessary that the people be
brought gradually to appreciate the
value of these institutions, and this is
my aim. It is quite true that there
are two parties in the country, one
for and one against a constitution, but
it is precisely for this reason that I
fear a hasty decision might lead to
disturbances which I am anxious to
avoid. The work of the last mejlis
caused sufficient trouble and blood-
shed."

"The council of state which I have
summoned will deal with all these
questions. It is true that the mem-
bers of this council are not deputies,
but from this small beginning I hope
that the council ultimately will de-
velop into an important assembly. I
hope to train my people properly to
appreciate a larger constitutional
regime."

Referring to the existing situation
at Tabriz, his majesty said: "It is a
mistake to suppose that the popula-
tion of this city wants a constitution,
or that it would be pacified, were one
granted. Similar disturbances were
prevalent a year ago in Tabriz, while
parliament was sitting. The people of
Tabriz are naturally revolutionary,
including, as they do, a large number
of Caucasians."

GREAT LIBRARY SALE

Books of Lord Amherst's Fine Collec-
tion Now Being Disposed of at
Auction

London, Dec. 3.—The disposal of the
famous library of Lord Amherst, of
Hackney, one of the greatest book
sales of modern times, began in Lon-
don, and attracted bibliographers and
collectors from all parts of the world.
This magnificent collection was
brought together during the past half
century at a great cost in money and
labor, and it is being sold in conse-
quence of the heavy financial losses
entailed on Lord Amherst through an
attorney who got away with a trust
fund of which Lord Amherst was
trustee, to the extent of \$1,250,000.

At a private sale yesterday fifteen
fine Caxtons were disposed of, sup-
posedly to J. P. Morgan, but numerous
treasures were still left, and the bid-
ding today was spirited. The celebra-
ted Mazarin bible was sold to a London
dealer for \$10,250, while the "Apoca-
lypsis Johannis," an original block
book of the low countries, brought
\$10,000. The same volume was auc-
tioned at the Crawford sale in 1887 and
brought \$10,500.

King Charles's copy of the Cam-
bridge bible brought \$5,000. A total
of almost \$50,000 was realized today
from the sale of 150 lots.

CHARMER'S HULL IS RIPPED OPEN

Result of Collision With Scow
at Vancouver Harbor
Entrance

THE STEAMER BEACHED

Passengers Brought Over Last
Night By the Princess
Victoria

Vancouver, Dec. 3.—With a grinding
crash and jar that threw some people
off their feet, set others on the edge of
a panic for an instant and generally
caused commotion among her passen-
gers, the C. P. R. steamer Charmar,
Capt. Hunter, outward bound for Vic-
toria, shortly after 1 o'clock this after-
noon, collided just off Brockton Point
with a scow loaded with coal, which
was being towed by the tug Bernuda.
The accident occurred almost at the
identical spot where the C. P. R. liner
Princess Victoria ran down the tug
Chelalis early in July, 1906, with the
resultant loss of eight lives. Fears of
a similar catastrophe were raised on
the instant in the minds of those of the
Charmar's passengers who were not on
deck and could only guess at the cause
of the jolt which shivered the big
steamer. For a moment something
akin to consternation was depicted on
the faces of many of the passengers,
but as soon as word of what had actu-
ally happened was passed from
mouth to mouth, all such fears were
assured. It was then somewhat diffi-
cult to prevent the people crowding on
the forward upper deck to witness the
manoeuvring of the steamer as she
was headed for shore on the north side
of the Narrows.

The Charmar collided with one cor-
ner of the heavily laden scow, and be-
fore the steamer tore herself away, the
sharp corner of the scow had ripped a
hole twenty feet long in the hull of the
boat. This enormous opening was
made on the Charmar's starboard side,
just abaft the forward bulkhead, and
through it the water immediately
poured in a gigantic stream, gradually
filling the forehold of the steamer and
putting her down by the head so that
the upper part of her propeller became
visible.

Capt. Hunter took in the situation
at a glance and lost no time in head-
ing the Charmar for the sandy flat on
the northern side of the Narrows, just
east of the most easterly beacon
marking the edge of the northern side
of the channel.

When the passengers saw that they
were perfectly safe, they found time
to look around for the Bernuda and her
scow, but they were by then vanishing
in the distance in the direction of
Coal Harbor, the tug having been easily ap-
parent to the masters of the tug that
there was no need for him to waste
time standing by the steamer.

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MAKE-UP FOR LOSSES BY ROBBING COUNTRY

Reason Given by Halifax Witness for High Charges to Government

Halifax, Dec. 3.—Alex. Ferguson, of Ferguson & Co., boiler makers and iron ship workers, testified before the Cassels commission of inquiry into the affairs of the marine department this morning. His firm had an account of over \$40,000 with the department during three years, but the firm gave no gratuities, and the work of supplies were all upon orders. He could not tell the percentage of profit made on goods supplied, but gave the prices charged for the different grades of workmen per day. The bookkeeper was called, but he could not tell the percentage of profit on supplies. So far as he knew, no gratuities had been given to or accounts kept with officials of the department.

The inquiry is expected to close on Saturday. That the Halifax dockyard had a hundred men added to its staff during the month of October because there was an election on was one of the chief facts brought out before the marine department inquiry today. Stevens, the bookkeeper for Howell & Company, was the most interesting witness. He had heard hints from officials for commissions, and had been asked for election contributions, but had paid no attention to these. All he wanted was the recommendations of Messrs. Dodge and Carney, the Halifax members. There was the only Liberal firm in Halifax in a position to do the class of work for which they were applicants. He explained the cost of repairing on government steamers by saying that it was necessary to charge some on high price order. It was only by overcharging on such jobs that they were able to make the whole year pay.

C. L. Schmidt, inspector of boilers for the department, told of commissions he had received from different firms doing business with the department. He had never asked for these, but took them when they came along. A letter addressed by Schmidt to a St. John contractor was read. In this Schmidt enclosed a note for \$150 and asked the contractor to testify that there was nothing between them. Mr. Watson, Schmidt finally admitted the request looked very much like an invitation for the contractor to commit perjury.

VENEZUELAN OUTRAGE

Arbitrary Seizure of British Steamer and Imprisonment of Passengers and Crew

St. Vincent, B.W.I., Dec. 3.—Capt. Jewett, of the British trading steamer Lady Kensington, arrived here yesterday from Caracas, Venezuela. This steamer was seized some ten weeks ago by the Venezuelan authorities off Margarita, an island in the Caribbean sea, belonging to Venezuela, and the crew and passengers were detained as prisoners.

Captain Jewett today said that on November 25 the Venezuelan government sent the passengers and crew home by steamboat via Colon, but that it kept the Lady Kensington. It is now reported that the steamer has been deliberately sunk by the Venezuelan officials at Margarita. An inquiry into the whole occurrence is being conducted here, and the statement of Capt. Jewett has been taken down by the local administration.

No cause for the confiscation of the Lady Kensington and the imprisonment of her passengers and crew has been assigned.

WHEAT FOR MEXICO

C. P. R. Freight Agent Confident That Grain Can Be Sent Out By Way of Pacific Coast

Calgary, Dec. 3.—Assistant General Freight Agent Halstead has this to say regarding the grain situation in Mexico:

"We are very desirous that Alberta grain dealers and shippers should find possible markets, and at present Mexico promises to be extensive importer of wheat."

"The C.P.R. is prepared to set a very reasonable rate on grain shipped to that country. We have connections with Mexican ports by steamship lines on the Pacific coast, and can operate as to give a rate which would be well worth while."

"On the other hand, should the duty be removed from flour, or sufficiently reduced, western Canadian millers can easily compete in the Mexican flour markets. I am following the situation closely, and expect to be able to furnish further information about the Mexican flour market shortly. We are particularly anxious that the millers of Alberta should co-operate with us in this matter."

C.P.R. Earnings

Montreal, Dec. 3.—Traffic earnings of the C.P.R. for the period ending November 30 increased by \$87,000.

Election Protest

Valleyfield, Dec. 3.—The election of J. P. Brown, Liberal, in Chateauguay, has been protested.

G. T. P. Appointment

Montreal, Dec. 3.—A circular issued today by Vice-President Morse announced the appointment of A. B. Smith, manager of Grand Trunk Pacific telegraphs, as superintendent of time service and watch inspection, with headquarters at Winnipeg.

Engineer Killed

Ottawa, Dec. 3.—A collision between a light engine and the local passenger train from Pembroke, two miles east of Pembroke, this morning resulted in the death of Engineer Rowe, of Ottawa, and the injury of Fireman Crawford, of Ottawa. None of the passengers were injured.

London Merchant Dead

London, Ont., Dec. 3.—William Trafford, one of London's best known business men, is dead as a result of an accident last July. He was 58 years old and had been engaged in the furniture business for over a quarter of a century.

From Drinking to Shooting.

Kenora, Ont., Dec. 3.—Four men were wounded last night in a shooting affair which took place at Dryden, Ont. A party of men were drinking in a house on the outskirts of the town when one of the party, Joseph Milroy, suddenly jumped up and fired

five shots from an automatic revolver. Four shots took effect. The wounded are Richard Denna, of London, England, shot in the abdomen, will die; Daniel Fay, shot in the neck and right side; C. A. Stanton, shot in knee, and Wm. Sharpe, in the thigh. Milroy was arrested and brought to Kenora. He will be tried on Saturday.

Grand Trunk Receipts.

Montreal, Dec. 3.—Grand Trunk railway traffic earnings for the period ending November 30 decreased by \$151,459, the totals being respectively \$1,012,981 for 1908, and \$1,164,440 for 1907.

China's Policy.

Peking, Dec. 3.—An imperial edict issued today pledges the throne to continue the policy inaugurated by the Emperor Kuang Hsu, and especially the programme which provides for the granting of a constitution for the empire at the end of nine years.

C. P. R. Agent at Yokohama

Montreal, Dec. 3.—A circular issued today by Fourth Vice-President Bosworth, of the Canadian Pacific railway, announces the appointment of H. T. Willgress as agent of the company in Yokohama, Japan. Mr. Willgress was formerly agent of the company at Kobe, Japan.

Charged With Murder

Edmonton, Dec. 3.—Thomas Oliver, of Strathcona, was brought up in the mounted police barracks charged with the murder of Thomas Burns on Oct. 9. Oliver is an old British soldier, 70 years of age. The strongest evidence brought out yet is that Oliver was seen in Burns' shack on the Saturday previous to the Monday night of the murder, and that when arrested several days later blood spots were found on his clothes.

United States Tariff Inquiry

Washington, Dec. 3.—The House committee on ways and means today decided to continue the tariff hearings until December 19. Chairman Payne was authorized to offer a resolution in the House when Congress convenes Monday which will give the committee authority to subpoena witnesses for these supplementary hearings. It has been the desire of the committee to get certain people to come before it and give any information that they may have which would be of value in framing a new tariff law. It has also been found that the testimony obtained at the hearings during the past few weeks has not been altogether satisfactory.

DEADLY DYNAMITE

Chinamen Killed at Duncans—Telephone Cable For Island Connection Arrives

Nanaimo, Dec. 3.—While thawing out dynamite in a frying pan at Duncans yesterday two Chinamen were killed and a third seriously wounded by the powder exploding. The two men were cut slain in a terrible manner, portions of the bodies being scattered in all directions, and the Chinaman who escaped death was so badly wounded that his chances of recovery are said to be very slight. He was taken to the Chinamen hospital for treatment.

The government cable which is to be used to connect Gabriola Island by telephone with Nanaimo, has arrived at Ladysmith. The cable is about a mile and a quarter in length, and weighs about 18 tons. It will be brought to Nanaimo by sea, where it will be laid. The cable will be of great convenience to island settlers when completed. It is the intention of the Dominion government to link up all the islands by telephone, and the arrival of the cable may be taken to mean the intention will be carried out.

William Jack, one of the oldest pioneers of Nanaimo, died last night, aged 69. He was a native of Scotland and has been a resident of Vancouver Island for upwards of forty years, settling on the coal lands which he lately worked twenty-seven years ago. Previous to that time he resided for several years in Wellington. He is survived by a wife and four children.

OAKLAND MEET

Results of Yesterday's Races—Saturday's Features Should Be Interesting

In yesterday's races in connection with the Oakland club meet, the favorites were fairly well to the front. Though only in one or two instances did they finish in the lead they were able to keep within the money in most of the events. The complete results follow:

First Race—First, Joe Rose, even; second, Capt. Hanson, 8; third, Incen-tion, 12.
Second Race—First, Bean Man, 8 to 5; second, Osea, 6 to 5; third, Last Knight, 12.
Third Race—First, Anna May, 1 to 3; second, May Amelia, 13 to 5; third, Mal Hollander, 25.
Fourth Race—First, Dorante, 9 to 10; second, Boggs, 17 to 5; third, Fr. Plittner, 20.
Fifth Race—First, J. R. Langhry, 5; second, Lady Alicia, 4; third, Sir Brillar, 12.
Sixth Race—First, Pajorita, 6 to 5; second, Booger Red, 3; third, Cloud-light, 12.

Crocker Selling Stakes.

Great interest is being evinced in the programme fixed for next Saturday when the attraction will be the Crocker Selling Stakes. This is for one mile, and there are sixty-one eligibles. Other features are the Stanford Handicap at a mile and seventy yards and the O'Fallon Handicap in the Futurity course. Among the entries for the former are the following:

Pinkola, Prince Ahmed, W. T. Over-ton, Lisero, Von Tromp, Conel Jack, Cabot, Dollie Dollars, Go Between, Astromer, John Carroll, Chippewa, Husky, Royal Tourist, Jacobite, Don Enrique, J. C. Core, Mustang, Arasse, Sewell, Nevada Ocean Shore, Spectator, Delivery, Keep Moving, Bankara, Northwest, Import, Veil, Tony Faust, Restigouche, Dandelion, Woodcraft, Peter Quince, Angelus, Medick, Spooner, Log-stella, Boyce, Frank, Lubbock, Wilda, Marise, The Englishman, Frank Plittner, Marlin Casey, Gypsy King, Voorhees, F. Neugent, Mabel Hollander, Kadatz, Ruby, Fred Bent, May Angel, Deutschland, Cressina, Creation, Bell-wether, Raulita and Matthe.

CANADA'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE EMPIRE

Ministers and Others Speak at Canadian Club Banquet in London

London, Dec. 3.—The Canada club banquet was held at the Ritz hotel last night, the guests including the Duke of Argyll, Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, J. Henniker-Heaton, Sir Frederick Borden, the Canadian minister of militia and defence, and the Canadian postmaster-general, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux. Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson presided.

Lord Strathcona referred to the suggestions made by James J. Hill to the New York chamber of commerce on free trade with Canada. He said that Canadians were not yet United States citizens, and he did not believe that they would receive such proposals with favor. Continuing, Lord Strathcona said that he hoped the mother country would consider the whole matter very carefully, and trusted that the Dominion would never have free trade with the United States, unless it had free trade also with the mother country.

The British postmaster-general, Mr. Buxton, in the course of his speech, made reference to the question of cable rates. He favored a practical reduction in the rates, but any scheme to be acceptable must be on a business basis.

Sir Frederick Borden criticized humorously an article in the London Times of yesterday by a gentleman who had spent a month in the Dominion. (Laughter.) He declared there was no fear that Canada would step aside from her present path for trade. (Clear, hear, and applause.) He said: "We claim the right to dictate and control our own trade policy. We concede to statesmen of the mother country the same right. We did not give the preference for the purpose of making a bargain." (Cheers.) The United States action in erecting high barriers against Canada for an object he would not define further had only forced Canada to become her greatest competitor in the markets of the world. Canada had defied her neighbor and had conquered. (Loud applause.) Canada's heart was with the mother country, and Canada knew if the United States lowered the barriers it would be only for her own convenience. (Hear, hear, and laughter.)

Going on to the question of imperial defence, Sir Frederick Borden asked if Canada was not doing her duty while building up material for an army, while the mother country did what she was much more fitted to do, namely, maintaining a navy equal to the two-power standard plus ten per cent.

Hon. Mr. Lemieux, on rising, said that happily many things which people did not even suspect, came under the observance of travellers. In the course of his travels abroad he had made a real discovery. England is a much abused and atrociously libelled country by Englishmen themselves. As a matter of fact England is not only a land where "girl with friends or foes, a man may speak the things he will," it is also the home of kindness and refinement. But he confessed that one must come here to make that discovery, for most of the people of England are still, as the witty French writer puts it, "still undiscovered."

Mr. Lemieux next referred to the intellectual preference, and predicted that the volume of British periodicals read in Canada would in the near future reach far greater proportions, and he laid down as a general proposition that the spirit of imperial unity could only be developed by them knowing more of one another.

"Let us," he concluded, "correspond fearlessly. We must in fields of science, speculation and literature, communicate with each other. The intellectual preference was conceived in that spirit. We must visit each other's shores, so as to better understand and grasp the possibilities of the British empire. Let us have an All-Red route. We must have cheap communications, so as to annihilate space and time. Let us have an All-Red cable (applause). We must trade with each other. We, Canada have given you a preference. It was a free gift. That policy has benefited the Canadian consumer; it encouraged trade with Canada's best customer and money lender, and it offered an inspiring example to the rest of the empire." (Applause.)

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San Francisco, Dec. 3.—Henry Boise, a salesman employed by an electric company, died in his room today under circumstances indicating that he was the victim of poison. It has been ascertained that poison was contained in a letter mailed at San Jose, and received by Boise yesterday. Whether he took the poison with suicidal intent or whether the deadly drug was concealed in apparently harmless candy which he ate has not been decided.

Town Feels Safer

Pine Bluff, Ark., Dec. 3.—More than one hundred yards of the neck of land

opposite Pine Bluff, known as Body's point, including a four-room residence, has disappeared, and the river, which is now sweeping past the city in a wider channel, is pressing with less force on the endangered banks. There has been practically no other change in the flood situation. Beginning today, a rapid fall in the river is expected. The court house annex and Hotel Jefferson, which were yesterday regarded to be in danger of collapse, are intact today. General orders have been issued to officers to permit no dynamiting, but it was impossible for these officers to cross the river last night. The identity of last night's dynamiters has not been discovered.

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The Ignorant Diner-Out.

A. J. Drexel Biddle, whose original and brilliant mind, coupled with his wealth, youth and high social standing, has made him for some years one of Philadelphia's most prominent figures, was talking at York about boxing.

"Every man should know how to box," said Mr. Drexel Biddle, who is one of the best amateur boxers in America. "In the case of attack by pickpockets, or in defence of a lady, indeed in a hundred crises, how deplorably awkward it is to be unable to box."

to make a great fool of himself. Ignorance always makes fools of us. I remember a man, ignorant of etiquette, who once sat beside me at a public dinner.

"I noticed that this man, as soon as he was seated, took one by one the knives at the right of his plate, and began to try their edges on his thumb."

"A waiter behind him leaned forward and said in a hurt tone: 'The knives are all sharp, sir.'"

"The point is," said my neighbor, "I'm looking for a blunt one. Last time I attended a banquet I cut my mouth."

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LOCAL DEVELOPMENT.

Far away hills are ever green, says the proverb, and probably that is one reason why people in thinking of the future of this city look to every part of the world but their own immediate vicinity. Yet, we have a source of prosperity at our very doors about which we do not think half enough. If some one should open a copper mine somewhere in the Highland District, everybody would begin to talk about what an excellent thing it would be for the city, and we would all discuss the best way of providing means of communication with it. Yet we would all know that every ton of ore taken out of the mine would bring it so much nearer exhaustion, and that it would only be a question of time when all the ore would be taken out, and all we would have left to show for it would be a hole in the ground and such development as the working of the mine had brought about. Now if it were possible that, by some process of nature, as rapidly as the ore was taken out other ore would come in to take its place, every one would agree that it would be a most wonderful thing for the city. Of course this is not possible, but there is a source of wealth of which just such a condition is true and it lies all around us. The fruit lands of the Saanich peninsula and all the country down towards Metcoshin are capable of doing just what this supposed impossible mine would do, that is they can produce tons upon tons of fruit year after year, and each year will bring a fresh supply. There are at least 50,000 acres available for fruit farming, and at the rate of \$100. per acre there would be a produce of \$5,000,000 a year, and \$100 an acre is a low average for the gross product. Yet this great potential source of wealth lies just at our doors and we hardly think seriously about it and we do nothing at all to facilitate its exploitation.

The great need of the situation, that is if we are to have rapid development, is better transportation. There is a great deal of progress on every hand, but not nearly what there might be if there were a better means of reaching the fruit growing sections. The class of people who will take up small areas and devote them to fruit raising is made up chiefly of those who will not go where ready facilities of transportation are not provided. A fruit-growing community, made up of the owners of small areas, will be a densely settled area, and rapid and speedy communication with every part of it is an absolute necessity. We have no plan to suggest as to how this communication can be provided. All we wish to do this morning is to bring the point before the attention of Colonist readers, so that they may think about it. By and bye some one will show the way to obtain what is necessary.

NOT A SOVEREIGN

Herr Mueller, speaking in the Reichstag, reminded the members that the Kaiser is not sovereign of Germany. This is a statement of unusual interest, for if ever a ruler assumed the role of sovereign, Kaiser Wilhelm has done so with a degree of confidence, which has successfully imposed upon the world. The German Empire consists of twenty-five sovereign states, namely, four kingdoms, six grand-duchies, five duchies, seven principalities and three free towns. In addition Alsace-Lorraine is included in it, but it is administered by the central authority. Germany is therefore a confederation, and the supreme direction of its military and political affairs, as a confederation, is vested in the King of Prussia, who therefore assumes the title of Deutscher Kaiser. This dignity is by law hereditary in the House of Hohenzollern. The Kaiser is the executive officer. He represents the empire internationally, can declare a defensive war and make treaties; but for an offensive war he must receive the consent of the federal council or bundesrath, which is a body representing the several states. The Kaiser appoints all German ambassadors, but each state may appoint its own ambassador. The consuls are appointed by the Kaiser. No law can be passed without receiving an absolute majority of the bundesrath and reichstag, and the sanction of the Kaiser. The suffrage is universal, every male person over twenty-one being entitled to a vote. Therefore when Herr Mueller said that the Kaiser is not the German sovereign, he was quite within the limits of the constitution. The difference between the German system and our own is principally in the fact that in Germany the ministry is not responsible to the representatives of the people, but only to the Kaiser. Their policy may be criticized to any degree;

their plans may be thwarted by the refusal of either of the imperial councils to pass the necessary laws, but they may continue ministers as long as the Kaiser wishes, and there is no check upon him in the discharge of those functions, which are vested in him. With us every public act of the King or his representative must be stated and justified to parliament by the responsible ministers. There is nothing in the German system corresponding to the British principle that "the King can do no wrong."

THE CORRECT VIEW

Sir Frederick Borden, speaking in London, said: "Canada's heart is with the Mother Country, and Canada knows that if the United States lowered the customs barriers it would be only for her own convenience." This is a point upon which the Colonist has laid a good deal of stress, and it is satisfactory to know that it is the view entertained by one of the Dominion ministers. Doubtless he only voices the sentiments of his colleagues. This aspect of the case has not received as great attention as it deserves. Our neighbors on the southern side of the boundary line are beginning to realize that there are some Canadian products, which they find out that they must have, and they are now discussing the alteration of the customs schedule so as to admit them into the country in competition with domestic products. Lumber is one of these, and there seems to be a fair prospect of the duty on this commodity being removed. Nothing will be asked of Canada in return for such a step, and if anything were asked it would not be granted, because the people of Canada understand perfectly well that if the duty is taken off lumber it will not be to benefit them but to promote the interests of the people of the United States. Indeed the demand for Canadian lumber in that country is likely to be so great that an export duty on logs ought to shortly become a permanent feature of Canadian trade policy, so that our neighbors will be compelled to buy finished products from us instead of the raw material. What is true of lumber is true of other things. The United States chose to build up a commercial fence between the two countries, and Canada can wait without impatience for the time when it is taken down, and need never trouble herself about offering any inducements to bring about such action. The day of reciprocity delegations to Washington has gone, never to return. The advantages of the present situation are all on our side, and we are very glad that Sir Frederick Borden has shown so full an appreciation of that very interesting fact.

UP-TO-DATE POLITICS.

In that delightful province of the sun, the (nearly) first Canadian land he shines upon, to paraphrase Lalla Rookh, a poem that is not nearly often enough read nowadays, more's the pity, they have political methods of their own and the result of the recent by-elections there is an illustration of them. Two vacancies were caused by the retirement of members of the local legislature to take nominations for the federal campaign, in which they were defeated. This made it necessary to hold by-elections. The retiring men were Conservatives, and they have been replaced in the legislature by Liberals. In one of the constituencies, Carleton, the result was doubtless due to the prestige gained by the Liberals in carrying the country for the House of Commons. Carleton is a county, which has a habit of doing unexpected things, but it has as a rule been Liberal in its leanings. In Northumberland a very curious condition of things arose. A former member of the legislature, Mr. Ernest Hutchinson, a Conservative, but not very pronounced in his views, was proposed as a candidate and the idea met with favor from Mr. Hazen, the Premier, and his colleagues; but a large element among the Northumberland Conservatives objected to him because he had not been nominated by the party in a regular way. The result was that a Mr. Swin was selected and Mr. Hutchinson got out of the field. Then the Liberals held a convention, at which one of the speakers was Mr. Swin's brother, who said that if the convention would nominate Mr. John P. Burchill, the Conservative nominee would be defeated. Mr. Burchill was at that time, and has since been away on a tour for his health, but he was nominated, and having accepted the nomination was elected. There is nothing very much out of the common in this, except the election of a candidate who was unable even to vote for himself, not to speak of being unable to do any campaign work. But it so happens that in the Hazen cabinet, Mr. Morrissy, a representative from Northumberland, holds a seat. Now Mr. Morrissy is a Liberal, although all his colleagues in the government are Conservatives, and he favored the election of Mr. Burchill. He probably argued that as there was no objection to his being in the cabinet, there could be no possible objection to Mr. Burchill being in the legislature, and when you come to think of it, you will see that he had reason, as a Frenchman might say. But Mr. Hazen had other views, and he very naturally wanted to see the straight Conservative candidate elected. Hence he extended his sympathy in that direction. Just how active a part Mr. Hazen and Mr. Morrissy played in the campaign, we cannot at this distance tell, until we get the New Brunswick papers, but there

seems to be no doubt that the provincial premier and his colleague, Mr. Morrissy were to a certain extent opposed to each other. Probably Mr. Hazen will not regard the success of Mr. Morrissy's friend with unmixed satisfaction, but whether it will follow that the last named gentleman will have to surrender his portfolio is something upon which we shall not express an opinion. They make political precedents as they need them down in New Brunswick.

Mr. Hazen's position is a difficult one. Having lost two seats, he can hardly afford to ask for Mr. Morrissy's resignation, for that would add another vote to the opposition, and three votes off the government side will count six on a division. He could give Mr. Morrissy's portfolio to a candidate in Albert, which is likely to become vacant by the resignation of the sitting member, who has become involved in very serious financial embarrassment and announces that he is going to leave the province. One thing ought not to be lost sight of when considering the political situation in New Brunswick, and it is that the province is normally Liberal. It was the Liberal party under the leadership of Sir Leonard Tilley, Charles Fisher and Peter Mitchell, which carried Confederation. After the Union most of the Liberals followed Sir Leonard Tilley, who went into Sir John Macdonald's ministry, which as every one remembers, was a coalition. After the defeat of the government on the Pacific Scandal, there was a breaking up of party lines, some of the old Conservative party joining with the anti-Confederates to form a new party, which supported Alexander Mackenzie, but a sufficient number of the old Liberals stood by Sir Leonard Tilley to enable him to obtain control of the province after 1878. In 1883 the late A. G. Blair came to the front as provincial Premier. He was not a very pronounced Liberal at that time, but the Liberal leaders rallied to his support, and for thirteen years he carried on the government, as he once said, on non-party grounds but with an eye to the ultimate success of the Liberal party. The opposition to him was made up chiefly of Conservatives. There has not been a straight Conservative government in New Brunswick for half a century, the Liberal element always having dominated, except during the regime of the King administration, which derived its support chiefly from those who had come to call themselves Liberal-Conservatives, although Mr. King had many pronounced Liberals among his political friends.

Bloodless revolutions are just now very much the fashion among the smaller powers. Hayti seems to have done the trick very nicely.

And now the local real estate market has commenced to reflect the return of prosperity. Friend Times, put away those "trappings and suits of woe," and get in the band wagon.

The Victoria Fruit Growers' Exchange is reaching out for the Oriental market, and in a few days will make an initial shipment of high-grade apples. We trust that this may prove but the first step in what will develop into a large volume of business.

A protest is being made against the cruelty that is practiced in order to secure some moving pictures. A case has just been made known in France where a horse was harnessed to a carriage, lashed into a fury and thus driven headlong over a precipice, where it was killed.

China is said to view the new "understanding" between the United States and Japan with just a tinge of suspicion. This is not to be wondered at when it is remembered that, by general consent of all the great Powers the Flowery Kingdom is regarded as a prize package which one day must be opened.

The verdict given in a police court case has just demonstrated that a street car conductor has certain prerogatives in respect to the conduct of passengers which he has every legal right to exercise—a very sensible and just decision. As patrons of the street cars well know, there has been altogether too much bullying of conductors in this city.

It is a matter for congratulation that the latest steamship collision in Vancouver harbor has resulted in no loss of life. Had the mishap to the "Charm" occurred during the night, a different tale might have to be told. The crew of that vessel seems to have displayed that coolness and presence of mind characteristic of British seamen the world over.

"Keep your money in circulation at home by buying goods made in Canada. When you cannot get what you want at home buy within the British Empire." This was the advice proffered in a public address by Mr. R. W. Bradner, of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association at Vancouver on Monday, and it ought to be taken to heart by the people throughout the entire Dominion.

With typical Oriental complacency, China has surmounted a "crisis" which the wise-acres were telling us a few days ago was liable to shake the empire to its foundations. The new Emperor, Pu Yi, having been formally enthroned, confidence has been re-established at Peking, and various official circles there prophesy an extremely conservative rule.

It is quite evident from the tone of the debates in the Reichstag on the

principle of ministers' responsibility, that the Kaiser, by his recent "indiscretions" lost ground which will never be recovered by himself nor succeeding emperors in Germany. The world is just now witnessing some very interesting history "in the making."

We are glad to see that our evening contemporary expects that Victoria will see the best of times during the next five years and looks upon the efforts of the Colonist, among other things, as likely to be conducive to that end. We hope to have the cordial assistance of our contemporary in the good work. There is room for all that every one can do.

It seems that only yesterday we were reading about hundreds of freight cars standing idle on sidings all over the continent owing to the depression in business, and now a great clamor is raised in western Canada against the shortage of these necessary facilities for transportation. At some points in the wheat-growing provinces the situation, for this reason, is said to be very grave.

Mr. D. W. Higgins, in a letter which we print this morning, discusses the rights of the Dominion in the lands conveyed by the Settlement Act. We shall not pursue the matter further until we have been able to give it more consideration, except to point out that the E. & N. grant has been employed in discharge of the trust for which it was granted. It was given to a company to secure the building of the railway.

Mexico having suspended the duty on wheat, owing to a great shortage of the foodstuff in that country, the expectation is entertained that there will be heavy shipments from Canada to that section. Three water routes are offered, via Montreal to the east coast of Mexico, via British Columbia ports to the west coast, and via St. Paul, the Mississippi river and the Gulf of Mexico. The latter route involves trans-shipment at St. Paul, New Orleans and again at the Mexican port of Vera Cruz.

Those business firms which may not have yet made arrangements for advertising space in the Jubilee Anniversary number of the Colonist, should arrange to do so at once, if they wish to be represented therein, as the edition will be sent to press at an early date. The number will easily prove the most extensive effort of the kind ever attempted by a newspaper in Western Canada, and as it will circulate in all quarters of the globe, business men have presented to them an advertising medium of which they ought to take full advantage.

The Imperial Government, despite repeated questions put in the House of Commons, refuses to show its hand in the matter of the transfer of the Esquimalt defences. It is explained by Mr. McKenna that a special Bill will have to be introduced, and that this cannot be done until next session. It requires no very great stretch of the imagination to understand that very many things may eventuate before next session which the Admiralty would like to take into consideration before surrendering all control over the only British naval base in the North Pacific.

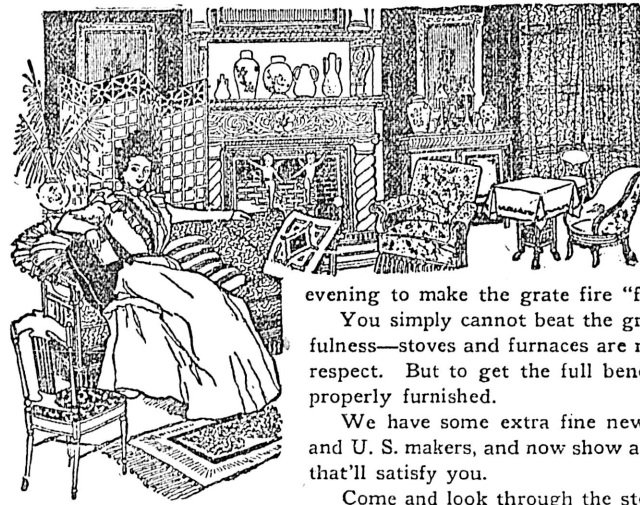
Calgary is just now doing a little bit of civic advertising which might well be imitated by Victoria. As is well known, Calgary prides itself on its winter climate, which is characterized by clear, bracing weather and an absence of heavy falls of snow. So it has arranged to let the rest of Canada know about it by sending out each day, by means of the Associated Press, brief reports of the prevailing weather conditions. These dispatches are in the regular news service supplied the various newspapers and are quite apart from the regular weather reports. The plan is an excellent one, and if there is one point in Canada more than another which could adopt it with conspicuous success, it is Victoria.

They have a fine judicial scandal in the State of Washington. A suit was brought against the Great Northern Railway company, and on appeal the company lost, the court dividing four to three, the opinion of the majority having been written by Judge Root. By some means M. J. Gordon, counsel for the company, secured a rehearing of the case, when the first decision was reversed, Judge Root delivering the reversing judgment. This, on the face of it, seems like an astonishing piece of business, but there is more to follow. The over-ruling judgment was written by Mr. Gordon, sent on to the Great Northern, received the approval of that company, and was then handed to Judge Root who read it as the judgment of the court. In other words, the railway company, having lost its case, had it re-opened and prepared a judgment in its own favor, which the court delivered. Judge Root has sent in his resignation and the State bar is investigating the whole extraordinary business.

William Hanley, a well-known Duluth cruiser and timberman, tells a good story of Indians and the importance of personal publicity to a red-skin. Hanley was in charge of a big jam on the St. Croix River, and in the vicinity of Taylor's Falls, a big jam occurred. Among the drivers were half a dozen Indians. They were good men on the river and held up their end with the white men. One day, while inspecting the jam, Hanley passed the six Indians. In a spirit of good nature he hailed the Indians and said:

"Break that jam, boys, and I'll put your names in the paper."
"Ugh!" responded one after a pause.
"Six Indians dead in paper, but we no see it!"

THESE LONG EVENINGS



Are a Pleasure if You Have These Comforts

There was just the right touch of frost in those mornings and evenings of the past week—enough in the morning to make you "step lively" going to work and enough in the

evening to make the grate fire "feel good."

You simply cannot beat the grate fire as a distributor of cheerfulness—stoves and furnaces are not to be compared with it in this respect. But to get the full benefit you should have the hearth properly furnished.

We have some extra fine new creations from the best British and U. S. makers, and now show a fine assortment and a price range that'll satisfy you.

Come and look through the stock—first floor and balcony.

FIRE SETS—Tongs, poker and shovel, in brass or steel, from \$2.50
ANDIRONS—Quaint and odd designs. Wrought iron. Strongly built, per pr \$2.00
KERBS—Wrought iron. Several sizes and designs, from, each \$1.75
KERBS—In Wrought Iron and Brass. Assortment of styles and sizes. From \$2.25

KERBS—In Brass. Stylish looking and hard wearing. Priced from each \$9.50
FIRE SUITES—In handsome brass, kerb, tongs, poker, shovel and rest. From \$24.00
FIRE SUITES—In antique copper, kerb, tongs, poker, shovel and rest. From \$25.00
FENDERS—Splendid new styles in new Flemish finish, from, each \$11.00

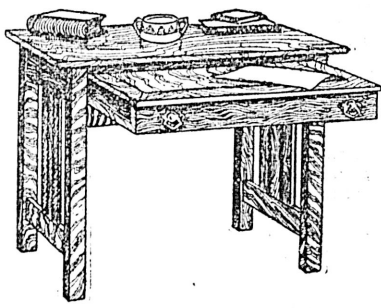
A host of other articles at easy prices. Come and see the offerings.

Only Eighteen Shopping Days Then Christmas Is Here

Some Dainty Library Tables, Suitable Xmas Gift Pieces.

Late Arrivals Now on Show

Why not a Library Table? It is a very useful furniture piece, and one of the late arrivals would add tone to the furnishings of any home. Here is a price range that represents excellent values—investigate them.

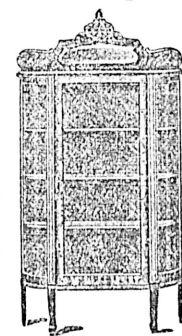


LIBRARY TABLE—A splendid library table this, and low-priced too. Made in Oak, mission style, and finished in the popular Early English style of finish. Top is 29 in. x 46 in. Two drawers. Excellent value at this price \$20.00
LIBRARY TABLE—A quarter-cut oak style, finished in golden, top is 32 in. x 48 in. Table has two large drawers. Legs are round. This is a very attractive table style and good value at each, only \$25.00
LIBRARY TABLE—A mission style finished in Early English style of finish. Made of finest quality oak in finest possible manner. Top is 48 in. x 30 in. There are two drawers. Price, each \$30.00
LIBRARY TABLE—Another style in golden oak that is worthy of special mention. This style has large drawer, shelves at both ends for books and magazines, etc. Top is 29 in. x 50 in., and is handsomely polished. A rich looking table and one you'll like. Price, each, only \$35.00
LIBRARY TABLE—Another Mission style in the Early English finish. This style has one large drawer and has shelves at both ends for books, magazines, etc. Top is 29 in. x 50 in. Priced fairly at, each \$35.00
LIBRARY TABLE—A genuinely fine style in Mission. This table has two drawers, two small and two large cabinets for stationery, etc. There is also a large shelf. Top is 29 in. x 50 in. Price, each \$40.00

Here Is a Christmas Gift to Delight the Home Keeper

Doesn't a China Cabinet strike you as a suitable gift to send to some homemaker this Xmas? She'll receive some dainty china pieces, and a suitable receptacle for these China Gifts would be greatly appreciated.

Prices shouldn't interfere with such a demonstration of friendship because we have some excellent designs at very small prices. You are welcome to come in and see the stock.



CHINA CABINET—Corner style made in golden oak, bent glass door, 4 shelves, 2 mirrors, neat design. Price only \$30.00
CHINA CABINET—Early English finished oak, has 4 shelves and small top shelf. Two mirrors, bent glass ends. Good value at . . . \$30.00
CHINA CABINET—Another style in golden oak. Has five shelves, mirror, bent glass ends. A splendid cabinet. Priced right, each . . . \$35.00
CHINA CABINET—Here is a splendid value in a medium priced cabinet. Four shelves and mirror. Price is only \$27.50
CHINA CABINET—For the money, you cannot beat this style. Golden oak, four shelves bent glass door. Price is, each \$25.00
CHINA CABINET—A golden oak cabinet of fine design. Has four shelves, two mirrors, bent glass ends. Finely finished. Price, each . . . \$40.00

CHOOSE THE GIFT NOW AND LET US DELIVER IT LATER

Why not choose the gift now and have it put aside for later delivery. We shall be pleased to store gifts selected now and deliver them at any time you may designate.

Many have found this to be the most satisfactory way, and we believe that you, too, will find it the best plan. Choice is better now—shopping easier.

FAMOUS "McINTOCK" DOWN QUILTS | MANY BLANKET VALUES OF MERIT

THE "FIRST" FURNITURE STORE OF THE "LAST" WEST—ESTAB. 1862

HOMES
HOTELS
CLUBS
BOATS

Weiler Bros

CHURCHES
SCHOOLS
STORES
OFFICES

SHOWROOMS: GOVERNMENT ST., VICTORIA, B. C. FACTORY: HUMBOLDT ST.

BRITISH OPINION

Phone 129

Was greasy dishes, pots or pans
 Lever's Dry Soap a powder. It will
 move the grease with the greatest ease

MONEY TO LOAN

ON APPROVED SECURITY

\$1,000	Seven per cent.
\$2,000	Seven per cent.
\$2,500	Seven per cent.
\$5,000	Seven per cent.

BRITISH-AMERICAN TRUST CO. LTD
Cor. Broad and View Streets, Victoria, B. C.

Gifts for Gentlemen

are not always aptly chosen by ladies. A man abhors knick-knacks and desires something he can use. If he is a smoker why not give him a

POCKET CIGAR CASE, fancy leathers. Prices from 25c to \$6.00

A great variety here to select from, the most desirable we have ever handled.

CYRUS H. BOWES, CHEMIST
Government Street, Near Yates.

Lamps! Lights!

Our Stock of Ship and Yacht Lamps is large and complete

Side Lights, Head Lights, Anchor Lights, Combination Launch Lights, Canoe Lamps, Brass Cabin Lamps.

E. B. Marvin & Co.
The Ship Chandlers
1206 Wharf St.

A XMAS SOUVENIR

MAIL ONE TO THE OLD HOME

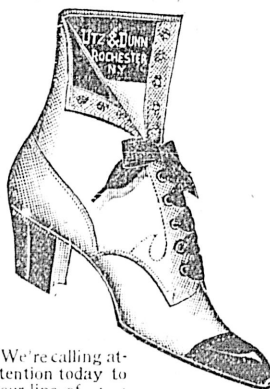
Real Hand Carved Oak Butter Dishes
Willow pattern lining, with electro-plated knife, each, \$1.25
We pack them securely for English mail or express. Secure one of these novel and unique gifts.

FOX'S CUTLERY STORE
1124 Government Street.

THE COLONIST ENGRAVING DEPARTMENT

A MODERN ENGRAVING PLANT PRODUCING THE BETTER GRADE OF DESIGNS ILLUSTRATIONS AND ENGRAVINGS

Monkey Brand soap removes all stains, rust, dirt or tarnish -- but won't wash clothes.



We're calling attention today to our line of :

Women's Waterproof Boots

Every line in this ad is offered at cost to make room for more goods now on the way.
Bargain No. 1—Woman's Waterproof Viscolized Soles, Calf Blucher \$4.50, Today \$3.50
Bargain No. 2—Woman's Calf Oxford \$4.00, Today \$2.75
Bargain No. 3—Misses' School Boots, 11-2, \$1.75, Today, \$1.25
Bargain No. 4—Boy's School Boots, size 11-5, \$1.75, Today \$1.25

J. FULLERTON
Quality Shoe Store
1008 Government Street

NOTICE.

In the Matter of the "Companies" Winding Up Act, 1898, and in the Matter of the Vancouver Shipbuilding, Sealing & Trading Company, Limited Liability.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of shareholders will be held at the Board of Trade rooms on Tuesday, December 8th, at 1 p. m., to receive any report of the liquidators and to pass any necessary resolutions appertaining to the company's affairs.

HERBERT LOCKWOOD,
JOHN ROUSSEFFELT,
Joint Liquidators.
Room 8, Empire Building, Vancouver, B. C.

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder dusted in the bath, softens the water and disinfects.

NEWS OF THE CITY

Take Out Permits.

Building permits were yesterday issued to Capt. Rogers for a small building to be erected off Poul Bay Road at a cost of \$300 and to William Hanikley for a stable on Fifth street to cost \$150.

Public Land Reserved

The government has decided to reserve the unalienated portions of the public domain in the Lulu Island and Delta municipalities.

Coroner Appointed

Edward W. Connolly, M.D., has been appointed a coroner for the province of British Columbia. He is a resident of Cranbrook.

Prince Rupert Wharf

The government has decided to construct a wharf at Prince Rupert. It will be built opposite Market Square, the central piece of waterfront belonging to the province.

Local Option Meeting.

Next Sunday night at 8.45 Dr. Spencer will speak at the New Grand theatre on "Shall we have local option in British Columbia." Men and women earnestly invited. A male quartette will sing. Dr. Ernest Hall will preside.

Wants More Time

In the current issue of the gazette the South Eastern Railway company gives notice that it intends to apply for an act extending the time in which the construction of its railway must be commenced, and for the expenditure of ten per cent on the amount of the capital.

Empress' Heavy List.

When the Empress of Ireland leaves St. John, N. B., on the 11th of the Old Country she will have one of the largest passenger lists in her history. Practically her full capacity of 1,605 passengers will be taken up. Some thirty passengers booked from Victoria will be on board returning to the Old Country for Christmas.

Grand Lodge to Meet.

A meeting of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Washington will be held at Olympia, Wash., next Monday and Tuesday and local members have received invitations to attend. It is likely, however, that none of the Victoria members will be in a position to attend the sessions though the mainland will be represented. The meeting will celebrate the semi-centenary of the Grand Lodge.

Anglican Young People.

The Anglican Young People's association held their regular meeting on Wednesday evening. Owing to the president being ill and the inability of many members to attend, Rev. E. G. Miller kindly consented to postpone his talk on the Pan-Anglican congress until a later date. Those present, however, enjoyed a very sociable evening and discussed a considerable amount of business.

Judgment Reserved

Judge Lammman reserved judgment yesterday in the case of Parshall vs. National Finance Co., Ltd. This was an action for \$561.69 for interest. It seems that there was an agreement to sell some lands, but that afterwards the defendant bought on somewhat different terms, and the action is for the interest on the purchase price between those two dates. A. P. Luxton, K.C., appeared for the plaintiff, and Lindley Crease for the defendant.

Ready for Pavement.

Now that the water and high pressure mains have been laid on Government street from Johnson street to Herald Street that portion of the main thoroughfare of the city is in readiness for the block pavement which it is intended to lay thereon. The work has been passed by the council and it is expected that a start on the pavement will soon be made. At present the roadway is in bad shape and owners along that portion of Government street will welcome the pavement.

Recognition of Long Service.

At Wednesday night's meeting of Lodge Alexandra, Sons of England, a pleasing incident occurred when Mayor Hall presented W. Millett, one of the oldest members of the lodge, with a handsome jewel of merit for his long and faithful services in the lodge. Mr. Millett was re-elected outer guard for the eighteenth year in succession. Mayor Hall in presenting the jewel lauded Mr. Millett's earnest work in promoting the welfare of the lodge and the latter suitably responded.

New Wireless Station.

The United Wireless Telegraph company has established its station in this city at the exhibition grounds. The station is now working with Seattle and other points, and is getting messages from steamships equipped with wireless telegraphic apparatus. Maurice Thompson, who was formerly operator for the Pacific Wireless company, is the local manager of the Victoria station of the United Wireless company. The steamer Powhattan, now about due from Hongkong for the Mackenzie Steamship company, is to be equipped with apparatus by the United Wireless company on arrival.

Cadets Church Parade

Staff Sergeant Clark, of the Fifth Regiment, will have charge of the church parade of the cadets of the University and Collegiate schools, to Christ church cathedral upon Sunday morning. The officers of the Collegiate cadet corps, No. 108, are: Capt. F. Lowenholm, and Lieutenants, Percy N. A. Smith and J. A. Grant. While the officers of the University corps, No. 170, are: Capt. W. J. Jones, Lieutenants K. Corsan and H. Hill. The two corps, which will be about 100 strong, will be accompanied by their buglers and drummers. The officers wearing swords and the cadets merely belts and bayonets.

Will Submit Definite Proposition.

Nothing definite was determined upon at the meeting last evening between the committee of the city council consisting of Mayor Hall, and Aldermen Henderson, Pauling and Gleason, and representatives of the Victoria Fruit Growers' association and the Creamery association, relative to the request of the latter bodies that they be allowed to use a portion of the old market building for their businesses. The matter was talked over in a desultory manner and the Fruit and Creamery representatives stated that they would submit for the consideration of the council some definite proposition which could be brought before the council and considered.



THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., December 3, 1908.

SYNOPSIS.

The pressure is again filling up on the North Pacific slope and fair weather continues from California northward with low temperatures in this province. In the Yukon it is still intensely cold and a fresh cold wave is probable in the Prairie provinces.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	34	43
Vancouver	25	40
New Westminster	24	40
Kamloops	18	22
Barkerville	10	24
Fort Simpson	26	40
Athabasca	4	16
Dawson, Y. T.	22 below 14	4
Calgary, Alta.	4	22
Winnipeg, Man.	4 below 12	16
Portland, Ore.	25	35
San Francisco, Cal.	18	56

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific Time) Friday:
Victoria and vicinity: Winds chiefly northerly, continued fair and cold. Lower Mainland: Light or moderate winds, continued fair and cold.

THURSDAY.

Highest	43
Lowest	34
Mean	38
Sunshine, 6 hours, 24 minutes.	

TIDE TABLE.

Date.	Time of High Water	Time of Low Water	Time of High Water	Time of Low Water
1	12:12	1:53	8:31	10:16
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The time used is Pacific Standard, for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish High Water from Low Water.

The height is in feet and tenths of a foot, above the average level of the lowest Low Water in each month of the year. This level is half a foot lower than the datum to which the soundings on the admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are reduced.

J. H. Ahrens, of Sterling, Ill., sold his \$40,000 stock of merchandise to become an evangelist.

THE MAILS

Vancouver and the East
Closes—Daily at 11.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m., except Sunday.
Due—2.30 p.m., except Tuesday, and 7 p.m. daily.

United Kingdom and Foreign
Closes—11.30 p.m. except Sunday and 1.30 p.m.
Due—7 p.m. daily.

United States via Seattle
Closes—Daily at 3 p.m.

United States via Vancouver
Closes—Daily, except Sunday, at 11.30 p.m.

China and Japan
Closes—Nov. 8, 18, 22, 24, 28.

Australia and New Zealand
Closes—Nov. 2, 7, 8, 16, 23, 28.

Dawson, Atlin, White Horse, etc.
Closes—Nov. 3, 7, 12, 15, 18, 26, 29, 30.

Fort Simpson, Prince Rupert, etc.
Closes—Nov. 1, 3, 7, 10, 15, 17, 18, 24, 29.

West Coast Ports
Closes—Nov. 1, 10, 20.

Alberni
Closes—Via Nanaimo, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. By steamer, 1, 10, 20.

To Confer With Council
The members of the Tourist Association executive committee, confer with members of the city council this evening upon financial matters of importance, which affect the very continuation of this association.

Cecil Changes Hands.

The Hotel Cecil, formerly known as the Poodle Dog, was sold yesterday. A. Cooperman, formerly of the Windsor restaurant, will conduct the establishment under the name of the St. James. The twenty-five cent lunches will be continued and a fifty cent Sunday dinner will be inaugurated. Mr. Cooperman will only cater to the best class of custom.

Looking Into Timber Propositions.

Messrs. Paul I. Sapperton and Geo. R. Chittenden, of New Orleans, who are largely interested in the great pine lumber industry of the southern states, have come out to the coast with the view of carefully looking into the advantages which the timber regions of this coast offers to the investor, and are stopping at the Dominion. They went over to Seattle yesterday afternoon, but will return here in a few days.

Cinderella Dance at Government House.

In answer to many enquiries the Daughters of Elty desire to state that the Cinderella dance for children and young people, to be given at Government House on Tuesday, Dec. 23, is "fancied dress," and although this is not compulsory and it is hoped that none will be deterred from attending by any hard and fast rule on the subject, those possessing fancy dress are asked to adopt it, as this adds considerably to the beauty and brilliancy of the scene.

Ladies' Underwear

We sell the leading makes of Underwear including "Watson's" and "Turnbull's" unshrinkable, "The Zenith Brand," and "Penman's Natural Wool," at the lowest prices.

ALSO

Flannelette Skirts, from, each, 60c to \$1.75.

Flannelette Gowns, from, each, \$1.00 to \$2.00.

Flannelette Drawers, from, per pair 50c to 75c.

G. A. Richardson & Co.
VICTORIA HOUSE
636 YATES ST.

FOR CHRISTMAS GIVING

BABY RINGS, an excellent assortment of solid gold rings set with precious and semi-precious stones. Prices, \$2.50, \$2.00, \$1.00 and 75c

MISS RINGS, very special value at \$5.00, but we have a fine range, set with precious stones from \$10.00 to \$2.00

LADIES' RINGS, solid gold set with every precious stone procurable, grand values, \$350.00 ranging to \$5.00

SIGNET RINGS for boys, girls, ladies and gentlemen, very choice, solid gold to be engraved with crest or monogram. Prices \$1.50 to \$15.00

Few Xmas Gifts would give such permanent pleasure as a solid gold ring. Lots of other holiday goods here, a fine line from 25c.

RED CROSS XMAS STAMPS
FOR SALE HERE.

W. H. Wilkerson
THE JEWELER

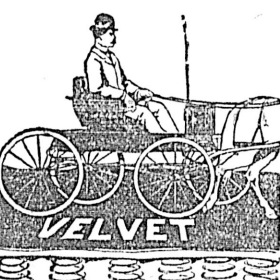
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Imitated on all sides but never equalled for speed, accuracy or durability.

Let us show you before you buy an experimental imitation.

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LADIES

will find our carriages a comfort and convenience for afternoon shopping.

\$4.50 FOR THREE HOURS

VICTORIA TRANSFER CO., LIMITED
Phone 129

Eagles Elect Officers.

Victoria Aerle, No. 12, met on Wednesday evening and elected officers for the ensuing term. The meeting was the most enthusiastic yet held, over 200 being in attendance. The initiation of an average of fifteen members per month is an indication of the growth of the order. The officers for 1909 will be: Past worthy president, Peter Shandley; worthy president, Frank LeRoy; worthy vice-president, W. H. P. Sweeney; worthy chaplain, J. Moody; worthy financial secretary, James Penketh; worthy recording secretary, J. M. Hughes; worthy treasurer, D. M. Barnhart; worthy inside guard, A. Randolph; worthy outside guard, I. Christensen; Aerle musician, F. Billingsley; Aerle physician, Dr. Geo. Hall; trustees, W. B. Smith, W. H. P. Sweeney and W. H. Blair.

Cut Glass Vases

with sterling silver mounts. We have a special line of these which cannot be procured anywhere else in Victoria. They are neat and attractive, with pretty designs in flowers, etc., engraved in the glass. Prices are up from \$2.50

WOULDN'T A PAIR OF THESE DO FOR THAT GIFT YOU ARE WORRYING ABOUT?

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Rough and
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Lumber,
Shingles
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For Lumber, Sash, Doors and all kinds of Building Material, go to
The Taylor Mill Co.
Limited Liability.
Mill, Office, and yards: 2116 Government St., P.O. Box 623. Telephone 584.

WHEAT FOR POULTRY

We have just received a car of No. 2 Manitoba Hard which we offer free delivered \$1.75 per 100 lbs.

SYLVESTER FEED CO. 709 YATES STREET

CHRISTMAS SALE OF Japanese Fancy Goods

GREAT REDUCTION OF PRICES ON ALL LINES

THE MIKADO BAZAAR

1404 Government St., Cor. Johnson St.

Phone 1433. When you require good XXX No. 1 Shingles get them from
The Ladysmith Lumber Co., Ltd.

YARD, 1924 STORE STREET, SPRAAT'S WHARF
Also dimension shingles, plain and fancy butts. Good fir laths always in stock. Prompt delivery made and satisfaction given.
F. S. McIntosh, Salesman.

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For baggage delivered to
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Limited

It saves endless bother
When leaving the station or wharf you present our check to the baggage agent and receive your regular railway check in return. Open day and night.
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Bargains Advertised

LOOK THROUGH THE ADS

By the kind invitation of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Dunsmuir, the Daughters of Elty Provincial Jubilee Hospital will hold their annual

Fancy Dress Cinderella Dance
For children and young people, at
GOVERNMENT HOUSE

on
WEDNESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 23rd, 1908

from 7.30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Tickets may be procured from the Daughters of Elty, Messrs. Hibben and Challoner & Mitchell.
Dancing adults, \$1.50; children, \$1.00; children under seven, 50 cents.

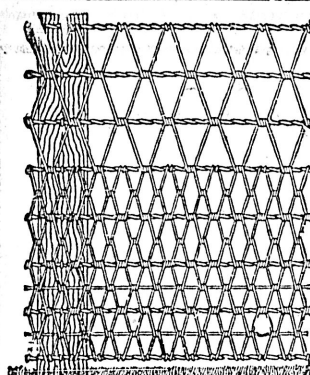
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BUT SLIGHT DECREASE IN SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Statistics for Month Show a
Good Attendance at the
City Schools

There was a slight decrease in the attendance at the city public schools during November compared with the preceding month though the number of pupils on the registers remained practically the same, being just over 10,000. The number of pupils who had a record of perfect attendance was exactly the same in both months, 1,519, while the cases of truancy, corporal punishment and tardiness show considerable reduction in number. The return record for the month of the various city schools is as follows:

High School—Actual enrollment, 291; boys 129, girls 162; average attendance, 273.75; percentage of attendance, 94.07; perfect attendance, 163; truancy, none; corporal punishment, none; tardiness, 19.

Boys' Central—Actual enrollment, 537; average attendance, 494.63; percentage of attendance, 92.10; perfect attendance, 306; truancy, two; corporal punishment, 17; tardiness, 28.

Girls' Central—Actual enrollment, 465; average attendance, 420.81; percentage of attendance, 90.49; perfect attendance, 249; truancy, none; corporal punishment, none; tardiness, 12.

North Ward School—Actual enrollment, 424; boys 228, girls 196; average attendance, 388.19; percentage of attendance, 91.55; perfect attendance, 214; truancy, none; corporal punishment, eight; tardiness, 37.

South Park School—Actual enrollment, 361; boys 176, girls 185; average attendance, 323.47; percentage of attendance, 89.60; perfect attendance, 173; truancy, none; corporal punishment, none; tardiness, 59.

Victoria West School—Actual enrollment, 255; boys 124, girls 131; average attendance, 236.36; percentage of attendance, 92.69; perfect attendance, 131; truancy, none; corporal punishment, seven; tardiness, five.

Kingston Street School—Actual enrollment, 211; boys 123, girls 88; average attendance, 179.14; percentage of attendance, 84.90; perfect attendance, 99; truancy, none; corporal punishment, five; tardiness, 41.

Spring Ridge School—Actual enrollment, 172; boys 91, girls 81; average attendance, 154.65; percentage of attendance, 89.91; perfect attendance, 86; truancy, none; corporal punishment, five; tardiness, 15.

Hillside School—Actual enrollment, 136; boys 69, girls 67; average attendance, 119.72; percentage of attendance, 88.02; perfect attendance, 65; truancy, two; corporal punishment, three; tardiness, 16.

Rock Bay School—Actual enrollment, 48; boys 26, girls 22; average attendance, 42.15; percentage of attendance, 87.61; perfect attendance, 23; truancy, none; corporal punishment, none; tardiness, two.

Fisgard Street (Chinese) school—Actual enrollment, 26; boys 20, girls 6; average attendance, 23.58; percentage of attendance, 90.69; perfect attendance, eight; truancy, none; corporal punishment, none; tardiness, two.

Total for November—Actual enrollment, 2,926; boys 1,523, girls 1,403; average attendance, 2,656.45; percentage of attendance, 90.78; perfect attendance, 1,519; truancy, four; corporal punishment, 45; tardiness, 238.

Total for October—Actual enrollment, 2,927; boys 1,522, girls 1,405; average attendance, 2,670.29; percentage of attendance, 91.22; perfect attendance, 1,519; truancy, seven; corporal punishment, 65; tardiness, 238.

Mike is restless

Prize "Trusty" at Police Station Soon to Present Annual Bill for Services

"Mike's getting mighty restless" remarked a police officer yesterday as the prize "Trusty" of the Cormorant Street place of detention, departed through the door leading to the rear of the police station with a large pan of ashes which he had just removed from the stove.

"Looks as if his annual book-keeping stunt is about to begin and another claim for wages will soon be made."

Mike, whose residence at the police station dates back nearly three years, is the handy man of the local force. He has occupied a cell every day and night for a long time and has at last become a species of janitor and man of all work. But Mike denies that he occupies any cell, and says that he is a hired servant and very now and then he wonders what has happened to his "salary." His recent demand for the loan of paper and a lead pencil indicates that he is once more figuring out just how much the city owes him. In a short time the account will be prepared when Chief of Police Langley will be asked for payment. Mike claims that some time in the dim, distant past he was promised wages of one dollar a day "wid me keep mind ye" he always adds, and periodically he submits his account duly marked "E. O. E."

ARRANGE PROGRAMME

Committee of Dominion Educational Association Looks to Victoria For Ideas

The committee having in hand the preparation of the programme for the next annual meeting of the Dominion Educational Association to be held in Victoria in July next, has made an early start in its work. Superintendent of City Schools E. B. Paul, M. A., has received a communication from J. D. Buchanan, Vancouver, secretary of the association, in which the latter states that it is the intention of the committee to give special prominence to that section of the programme relating to industrial education. At least four papers in this section will be presented, and with a view of securing suggestions as to the best topics to be discussed and the speakers to be chosen, Mr. Paul has been asked to call a meeting of the manual training and domestic science teachers here, when the matter can be discussed and, if ideas considered helpful, can be forwarded to the committee.

TO VISIT THE ANTIPODES

Southern Mining Man Seeks Information Regarding Dredging

Mr. D. A. McDonald, a mining man of long experience and who with others is interested in large gold dredging operations near Denver, Colorado, came up from San Francisco

yesterday, and is awaiting the arrival of the SS. Moana today from Vancouver en route for Australia and New Zealand. He intends visiting both these countries with the view of making careful collecting and study of the methods which are followed in dredging river beds for their gold deposits, as he is of the opinion that these methods are far in advance of those which are in vogue in any part of this continent. And he confidently anticipates collecting much valuable information, which will be of material use to him in the development of this important industry. It is said that in Australia extraordinarily rich diggings have been discovered with the notable drawback that water in that district is so scarce and consequently, exceedingly dear that they are for this reason alone rendered unprofitable, water being quoted at \$6.50 a bucket full. This defect is likely to exist, as from quite another source water is stated to be worth in certain portions of that great continent as much as a dollar a quart. But when one remembers that a 30-inch pipe line has been laid in Western Australia for a distance of some 300 miles at an enormous outlay to supply Coolgardie with water, it is extremely probable that either through the expedient of artesian wells or by some other method sufficient water supply will be eventually secured in this particular region. A local man, however, who has had experience in the Yukon, states that the conditions in gold-bearing streams in Australia and in New Zealand and upon this coast are vastly different, the rivers in those countries being sandy and easily worked, while the coast streams are very rugged and rocky. The great interior of Australia is a desert waste, and insufficiency in rainfall and frequent lack of a proper water supply form the chief defects of that continent.

ADDITIONAL GRANT TO LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD

Provincial Department Considering Application for Further Financial Aid

As a result of representations made to the provincial department of education the school board has succeeded in securing a grant for one teacher on the city staff and the status of other teachers is now being considered, and if it is found that under the School act the department should give grants for them the school board will be recipients of further financial aid from the province.

Under the School act the government makes a grant for each properly certificated teacher. Recently Superintendent Paul, took this matter up with the department of education, there being several teachers on the staff for whom no grant was being made, and while under the provisions of the School act the department was not strictly bound to make a grant, yet the circumstances, in one case at least, were such that the department willingly agreed to contribute while the case of teachers of special subjects, such as music, domestic science, dancing, physical instruction, while they do not come within the provisions of the act as now worded and grants in such cases were not contemplated when the act was passed, yet the board's request will be considered by the department.

The school board will also apply to the department for a grant towards the salary of Superintendent Paul on the grounds that while he is giving attention to other duties, he is responsible to the council of instruction as superintendent of city educational matters in the public schools.

The grant just made by the department to the school board of \$536.65 was given in the case of an assistant teacher at the High School, who, while she is not possessed of an academic certificate as all High School teachers are supposed to possess, yet has been engaged for some time and the school board pointed out that as the department had allowed her to continue teaching it had waived the necessity of her possessing such a certificate and should accordingly pay the grant. This suggestion of the board has now been concurred in by the department, the request of the school board being received with every consideration.

CONCERT TONIGHT

Interesting Programme at Metropolitan Methodist Church Lecture Room

A musical and literary entertainment will be given in the lecture room of the Metropolitan church, this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock. A varied and interesting programme will be rendered. There will be no admission charge, but a collection will be taken, the proceeds to be applied to the public school library. The following is the programme:

Part I.
Selection by the Sunday school orchestra.
(a) March—"On Jersey Shore". Pryor Trio—Mandolin, guitar and piano....
Recitation—"Mrs. Maloney on the Chinese Question". Mr. Elliott.

Violin solo—"Cordova Memories". Jesse Longfield.
Miss Elford.

Vocal solo—"Angus Macdonald". Anon.
Miss Parfitt.

Cornet solo..... Selected.
Mr. Young.

Irish song..... Selected.
Mr. Wheeler.

Dialogue..... Selected.
Misses Gowen and Baker.

Piano duet..... Selected.
Mrs. Gleason.

Duet—"The Song the Angels Sang".
Stults..... Misses Robinson.

Piano solo—"The Storm". Weber.
Mr. Dobson.

Vocal solo—"On Wings of Song".
Misses Elford, Parfitt and Mr. Parfitt.

Trio—Minuet in G Minor.... Ackerman.
Misses Elford, Parfitt and Mr. Parfitt.

Vocal solo—"Down the Vale". Moir.
Mrs. Jesse Longfield.

Quartette..... Selected.
Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Currie, and Messrs. Wills and Galt.

Accompanist..... Misses Barker, Mrs. Stephens and Mr. Alzeron Dobson.

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TELLS OF PLANS TO PROTECT FISHERIES

Council of the Board of Trade
Hears From the Acting
Deputy

The Council of the Board of Trade met yesterday morning, the president, Mr. Simon Lelser, in the chair, and present, Messrs. L. A. Genge, Richard Hall, C. A. Carier, J. A. Mann, J. J. Shalleross, C. F. Todd, C. H. Lagrille, D. R. Ker, H. F. Bullen and F. A. Pauline.

A letter from Mrs. J. G. Cox was read, thanking the Board for their kind expressions of sympathy and of condolence with her in her recent bereavement.

In regard to the representations of the Board to the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa with reference to the very limited stay of the Scotch agriculturists, who visited this province and the city of Victoria during the past summer, Mr. W. D. Scott, the superintendent of immigration, wrote stating that with the single exception of the Province of Ontario, British Columbia, in point of the time which was spent in it by the members of this important delegation of farmers from Scotland, was practically placed upon the same basis with all the other provinces. He was good enough, however, to express the hope that if another similar delegation should come out to these shores the visitors would have more time at their disposal for such purposes.

The secretary of the Fernie District Fire Relief fund, wrote warmly thanking the board for the final remittance of \$1,702.35, being the balance of the \$1,000 which was collected in this city for the relief of the sufferers, in addition to the \$1,000 which was voted by the city council. He had, moreover, great pleasure in assuring the citizens of Victoria that they had in no slight degree assisted in relieving much of the distress and suffering which had unavoidably occurred in that thriving town, while he requested the Board to convey to the sympathetic donors their very sincere thanks as well as their deep appreciation of their generosity. He added that a statement would shortly be published showing how this fund had been used, and what had been accomplished through it in the way of relief.

A letter from the Acting Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries was read, acknowledging the Board's communication, as well as certain correspondence which had been received from Capt. Louis P. Bower, in reference to the protection of the fisheries upon the coast, and explaining that the department was anxious to send two steamers to the assistance of the Kestrel in its work of patrolling the inland waters of British Columbia. Incidentally the fact that tenders were being invited by the department for the building of a large steamer for this purpose was discussed, when it was observed that the Board had already strongly recommended the construction of two or more steamers to meet the imperative requirements of fisheries protection, while the question of the limited sole jurisdiction of the Dominion in the Hecate Straits had been briefly considered.

It is contended on the part of the Federal authorities that the waters in these straits form a mare clausum, but in the other hand, the American government insists that they are part of the open sea.

The Board was of the opinion that a large steamer should be stationed in these straits if a proper patrol is intended. And finally the secretary was instructed to write to the Department at Ottawa, urging that at the very least an auxiliary cruising vessel for speedy work in the waters of the Hecate Straits issue, the secretary was instructed to ascertain what data having a direct relation with the matter of disputed jurisdiction existed at the present time upon the Board's files.

The secretary of the Vancouver Board of Trade wrote asking for co-operation in the way of securing a suitable grant from the Dominion government in aid of the exhibit which it is proposed to make at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition. But the secretary had already replied that some time ago, as the result of an earnest conference between the members of the Victoria Board of Trade and the Hon. Mr. Templeman, the government had applied to the exhibition authorities for a site 350x150 feet in extent with the view of erecting a building which will have a superficial area of 18,000 square feet. Whereupon the Vancouver Board of Trade secretary cordially complimented the members of the Board of Trade of the city upon the success of their efforts in persuading Mr. Templeman that such provision should be made.

A printed circular had been received from the secretary of the London, England, Chamber of Commerce, having reference to the seventh general union of the Chambers of Commerce of the Empire, which will open upon the 14th day of September next in the important city of Sydney in the state of New South Wales. The Board was requested to forward to the secretary the earliest date possible copies of any resolutions which it desires to submit for consideration upon that most interesting occasion. This communication was referred to the committee on Trade and Commerce.

A letter from the secretary of the B. C. Fruit Growers' Association at Ladner's, requesting the assistance of the Board in securing lower rates of freight upon fruit which was shipped from this province into the northwestern provinces, was referred to the Railway Freight Committee.

The draft of a bill of lading which has been prepared by a committee, appointed by the Eastern Boards of Trades and Shippers, for eventual submission to the Dominion Board of Railway Commissioners, was referred to the Railway Freight Committee.

A. J. Gordon, on behalf of the Graham Island Settlers' association, wrote directing attention to the insufficiency of the present mail service, and stating that during the winter months they are only able to send and receive mail once a month. This complaint was referred to the Trade and Commerce committee for consideration. It was understood that the occasional delays which at the present time are being experienced in connection with the mail service, and the arrival here of the overland mail from England, as well as of some other pertinent matters will be reviewed at a fairly early date with Mr. McLeod, the Dominion inspector of the railway mail service.

The vacancy in the council which was caused by the lamented death of Capt. John G. Cox, was filled by the appointment of Mr. H. G. Wilson, and the council adjourned.

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JAM, 1 lb. glass jar, each 10c	SULTANA RAISINS, new, per pound10c
SHELLED WALNUTS, per lb.40c	RAISINS, seeded, new, Victoria Cross Brand, 16 oz. pkt., 10c
SHELLED ALMONDS, per lb.40c	MIXED PEEL, English, per pound15c
MALTA VITA, per pkt.10c	PEAS, BEANS OR CORN, Tartan brand, per tin10c
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CANDIES in Fancy Boxes, per box25c to \$1.00	SAUSAGE, Pork, fresh every day, per lb.20c
JELLY POWDER, Trophy, 4 pkts. for25c	BAKING POWDER, Magic, 12 oz. can for20c
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3 pounds for\$1.00	FLUID BEEF, Johnson's, 16 oz. bottle90c

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"Fishing, sah," same the reply.
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BASEBALL PLAYERS WANT NEW GROUNDS

Application Before Directors of Royal Athletic Park For Its Use

Victoria baseball fans already are getting busy on plans for next season. Having decided that the Oak Bay grounds are just a little too far from the centre of the city, they are making overtures to the management of the Victoria Athletic park for the use of that area. The matter will come up for discussion at the meeting of the directors of the latter organization which takes place tonight, at which, in addition, it is to be decided what shall be done towards repairing the park for the next summer's sports.

"No doubt about it," remarked a baseball man, who is said to have charge of the formation of a Victoria team for next year, "the fans of Oak Bay is too far away from the business and the principal residential communities. We are of the opinion that if we can obtain the use of the Royal Athletic grounds our gates can be doubled. It is accomplished then you can take a word for it, the fans of Victoria are going to be introduced to a better article of ball than they have been accustomed to see during the past several years. When the people are absolutely dependent on the street cars for transportation they are up to the eyes in the best of attractions but when they can walk to the ball game in fifteen minutes or half an hour there will be crowds at every contest."

The same authority asserts that, if a satisfactory agreement is reached with the Royal Athletic association, it is the intention to play double-head engagements weekly, bringing the best semi-professional teams from the other side in time to play a match on Friday evening, as well as that on Saturday afternoon. Also it is proposed to invite the pros of the Northwestern league to the city as often as they can arrange to visit the island, it being the opinion that local enthusiasts would like to witness the higher class teams in action occasionally.

"What are the prospects of Victoria's having a fast time next summer?" was the query of the newspaperman. "The best ever," was the short but pointed reply. It was explained that the majority of those who presented this city on the diamond last year were still here. A few had left but the indications were that other and perhaps better men would be available before it would be necessary to line up for the opening game. In a few words the outlook from the standpoint of baseball for the forthcoming season is the brightest, providing, of course, it was possible for the ball people and the Royal Athletic club to reach an arrangement, with reference to grounds mutually satisfactory.

CALIFORNIA'S TOUR

Arrangements are being made for the proposed tour of a California soccer team throughout the Canadian northwest in the spring. At a meeting of the Vancouver and district league last night an itinerary was outlined which met with approval and endorsement. An effort is to be made to have the southerners accept the suggestion which follows: Open with a game in Vancouver on April 3. Play Nanaimo next day and Ladysmith on that following. Meet Victoria on Good Friday and try conclusions with Seattle on the next Sunday.

Greek meets Greek. Neither team will have what can be termed a slugging cure. Both will have to work, and the one winning will have earned the victory. It is equally safe to say that the spectators—and it is expected that there will be a large crowd—will be treated to as fine an exhibition as has been witnessed on local grounds for many months.

The match has been advertised to start at 3 o'clock. It is hoped that it will be possible to get the respective teams on the field shortly before that time. Everything depends on whether the steamer Princess Royal, which leaves Vancouver on Saturday morning, and on which the Vancouver fifteen will be passengers, is not delayed. Arrangements have been made for the transportation of the visitors by trolley to the scene of the struggle immediately they reach the city.

FIRST MATCHES OF BOWLING LEAGUE

Apaches Beat Mohawks By a Narrow Margin—Chippewas Victorious

The House league in connection with the Douglas Street Bowling alleys have their first games on tonight. It has been arranged to play off three rounds of

BOWLING LEAGUE

The standing of teams competing in the House Bowling league follows:

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Chippewas	2	1	666
Apaches	4	2	666
Mohawks	0	3	000

Games with each team. Good prizes are up for the first and second places and six teams are competing.

The first games resulted as follows:

Mohawks.

	1st.	2nd.	3d.	Ave.
Jameson	121	174	156	151 1-3
Nason	150	115	123	131 2-3
Lewis	116	102	127	115
Curtain	92	105	121	106
Moran	179	169	171	173

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Townley	194	195	158	182 1-3
Petch	188	132	175	165
Aaronson	132	176	155	154 1-3
Wilson	114	135	120	123
Anderson	120	120	120	120

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The second game scores follows:

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Williams	169	176	204	183
Pirie	178	176	196	183 1-3
Nason	160	198	147	168 1-3
Pike	135	135	135	135
Mallet	103	135	136	125

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NEW REFEREES FOR THE SENIOR SERIES

Basketball Association Held a Brief Meeting Last Night—Other Officials Selected

At a meeting of the executive of the Victoria Basketball league held last evening at the Y. M. C. A. rooms the resignation of P. Wilson, who was appointed to act as referee in connection with the senior league matches, was received and accepted. While regret was expressed over the loss of Mr. Wilson's services it was agreed that, as Victoria West had entered a team in the first division, it was only fair to himself that he should withdraw. The selection of other officials was proceeded with and resulted in the appointment of Frank Smith and W. G. Findlay, physical director of the Y. M. C. A., as substitute. At the same time officers were chosen to preside over the intermediate and junior league games scheduled for next Wednesday night as follows: (Intermediate) Eschmal vs. James Bay, R. Whyte; Shamrocks vs. Y. M. C. A. J. Dakers; (Junior) Y. M. C. A. vs. High School, H. Peden; James Bay vs. Victoria West, H. Johnson; North Ward vs. Shamrocks, J. Donaldson. As there were no new players not acquainted with the personnel of the executive of the association which will supervise the conduct of the different local leagues, it given below: President, A. J. Braces; vice-president, D. O'Sullivan; treasurer, K. Hughes; secretary, E. Christopher, and representatives of the various clubs viz: Beany, Victoria West, Gray, James Bay, J. Dakers, North Ward, W. G. Findlay, Y. M. C. A.

MATCH DEFERRED

Vancouver Y.M.C.A. Basketball Team Didn't Reach Victoria—Locals Disappointed

The senior Y. M. C. A. league basketball match which was to have been played between the Victoria and Vancouver teams last night at Assembly Hall did not take place on account of the failure of the visitors to reach here. They were passengers on the steamer Charming which vessel, twenty minutes after leaving port, met with a mishap which necessitated the abandonment of the trip. A wire was received by Phys-

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CANADIAN FLASHES
Sporting Notes of Current Happenings Here and There—Shrubbs' Victory

Ottawa, Ont. Dec. 3.—Fred Lake the hockey player has signed with Ottawa receiving a thousand dollars for the season.

Peterboro, Ont. Dec. 3.—Shrubbs easily defeated Collins, Webb and Russell in mile and half relay race Wednesday night.

Montreal, Dec. 3.—Scotch curling teams from Canada sail January 8th from St. John consisting seven rink—thirty-five players.

Edmonton, Alb. Dec. 3.—Pitre, cover point for Montreal Shamrock team has signed with Edmonton.

McFARLAND vs. WELSH
Arrangements Being Made for Match in San Francisco New Year's Day

Chicago, Dec. 3.—Packy McFarland yesterday received a tentative offer for a match with Freddie Welsh at Cofroth's club at San Francisco on New Year's afternoon. While the financial terms are not quite to the liking of Manager Gilmore, he expects there will be no trouble in adjusting them. He wired yesterday, suggesting that the weight be the same as in the last match, 133 pounds at 10 o'clock. The battle is to go twenty-five rounds

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Formation of Victoria Branch of B.C.A.A.U. Will Be Considered Tonight

DELEGATES WILL MEET

Amateur Question and Proposed Affiliation With C. A.A.U. on the Tapis

The formation of a local branch of the British Columbia Amateur Athletic Union is the most important question which will come before the assembled representatives of all the athletic organizations of the city this evening. The meeting will be called to order at 8 o'clock at the Y.M.C.A. rooms, Broad street. Those who have taken the initiative in this matter are Dan O'Sullivan, one of the most prominent members of the James Bay Athletic association, and A. J. Braces, secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association. They have issued to the officials of the Victoria clubs invitations to send delegates to the gathering for the primary purpose of considering the subject referred to, and, as well, to express an opinion in regard to the proposal that the B.C.A.A.U. should affiliate with the Canadian Amateur Athletic union. The latter is necessary in view of the fact that Messrs. O'Sullivan and Braces propose attending, as local representatives, the general meeting of the B.C.A.A.U. which is announced to take place at Vancouver on Saturday, the 5th inst., and at which will come up the contemplated union with the C.A.A.U. The Victorians, on that occasion, also will take advantage of the opportunity of witnessing the events in the Terminal City's big indoor athletic meet.

The Amateur Rule.

It was explained yesterday by Mr. Braces that the establishment of a local union here as a branch of the B.C.A.A.U. was of vital concern to all sportsmen because it involved the question of whether it is intended that hereafter the amateur rule, as defined by the governing Canadian athletic body, is going to be applied to local sports. Personally he favored taking advantage of the present opportunity of grappling in a decisive manner with this problem. It had been proposed some months ago that a Vancouver Island Amateur Union should be instituted. After investigating the matter, however, it was agreed that this idea could not be carried through along the lines desired with satisfaction. So it was dropped but that didn't mean that affairs should be allowed to remain as at present. It still remains open to Victoria to become affiliated with the B.C.A.A.U., and through that organization, with the C.A.A.U. Such a step, he believed, would be extremely beneficial to the sport of Victoria.

Clear and Honorable Sport.

There were many advantages which could be referred to but it was only necessary in order that the situation might be better understood to mention one or two. Generally it was acknowledged that to promote clean and honorable conduct in sport, it was essential that the two classes of possible competitors in field or other events—amateurs and professionals—should be kept apart. He did not hesitate to say that that had not been done on Vancouver Island in the past and also he was of the opinion that, under the existing conditions, it was practically impossible. But the C.A.A.U. in its regulations distinctly specified what constitutes an "amateur in good standing." In becoming a part of that organization, as was proposed, the B.C.A.A.U. would have to accept that definition and they would have to test every man posing as an amateur in accordance with its terms. Likewise, the suggested Victoria branch of the B.C.A.A.U. would have to agree to the same rules of classification. This would mean that it would be impossible for an athlete, who wished to

TOMORROW'S FIXTURES

3 p.m.—Victoria vs. Vancouver in British Columbia league match at Oak Bay grounds.
3 p.m.—North Ward vs. Beacon Hill, junior soccer league match at Beacon Hill.
3 p.m.—Regular practice of Victoria ladies' and men's hockey teams at Beacon Hill.
Note—Local senior league association football matches have been postponed owing to the necessity of Victoria representative team filling P. C. L. date in Vancouver.

retain his status as such, to come in touch with a pro. Hence it would be found that one would shun the other and that it would follow that the standard of sport throughout the Canadian West would become infinitely higher than at present.

Much Work at Start.

That Mr. Braces thought, was a logical argument. Through thorough organization, and only in that way, could the wished for end be obtained. If a Victoria branch of the B.C.A.A.U. were formed its officers and members would have plenty of work at the start. Those who claimed to be "amateurs" would have to apply to them for registration and before they secured endorsement their records would have to be investigated. Owing to the fact that the regulations for years had not been strictly enforced it would be impracticable to hope to go into every individual's athletic career exhaustively. But the great point was to make a start, justifying that competitors should declare themselves once and for all as amateur or professionals. Then sport would be put on a sound and proper basis and it would be possible to build up sport on a substantial foundation. Mr. Braces expressed the sincere hope that tonight's meeting would be attended by delegates from all clubs and that they would come prepared to agree to the proposals outlined.

NO SENIOR SOCCER GAMES TOMORROW

Home League Fixtures Declared Off Because of P. C. L. Match on Mainland

The Victoria District Football association having decided to send a team to Vancouver tonight to play a Pacific Coast league match with the Terminal City tomorrow, this week's local championship contests must of necessity be deferred. Those who have been following the race for the home pennant, therefore, will have to resign themselves to waiting another seven days before witnessing the James Bay and Victoria West eleven's locked in a game, the outcome of which it is believed will decisively indicate which way the senior honors are going to go. However, it was imperative that a Victoria eleven should make the trip to the mainland to fill the P.C.L. fixture and local officials expressed themselves extremely pleased over their success in assembling a first class aggregation to battle with the mainlanders in the light for the coast pennant at such short notice. The boys will go away this evening and it is believed that all those selected, the names of whom were published in the Colonist yesterday, have been able to accept the honor accorded them.

HOCKEY PRACTICE

Two Clubs Will Train at Oak Bay Tomorrow Afternoon

A general hockey practice will take place tomorrow afternoon at the Oak Bay grounds. The area first will be occupied by the ladies who are assiduously training for their initial league engagement. After they have retired the men will indulge in a hard drill, it being necessary for them to take advantage of every opportunity, from this time forth, to get in shape for the next of the international league fixtures.

GOSSIP ABOUT THE PENDING BIG BOUT

Tommy Burns Pronounced Favorite Everywhere—His Enormous Winnings

You would naturally expect to hear more news about the approaching battle between Tommy Burns and Jack Johnson, says the Boston Journal. The white man is the most pronounced favorite, both in the United States and in the haunts of the kangaroo. Johnson's gameness has often been questioned, and those who have been in the ring with the giant black say that he will not come back after a hard body attack. Burns can punch and Tommy's courage has been quite manifest. The Ethiopian is the cleverest boxer and may wear the Canadian down by consistent jabbing, but to those in "the know" it looks like Burns. The only thing against Tommy's chances is that John L. has picked him to win.

Tommy Burns will wind up the year of foreign travel and fighting in Australia with three times more money made in that time than was made by the president of the United States in salary. It is estimated that his twelve months of effort and travel will net him more than \$150,000.

The latest information about Tommy and his doing comes from a sea captain commanding a large American passenger steamer that touched recently at Sydney, who writes some interesting comment on the Canadian fighter. This is in a personal letter to a friend here:

"Tommy Burns has been making quite a nice pile out in Australia, with Squires and Lang, and friends of mine who saw the Squires fight say that Burns could easily have knocked him out in two rounds, but finding that he had an easy thing on he took his time, knocked him out a little later and earned a \$5,000 note from the cinematograph company."

"Burns has made a great impression here with everyone by his clean and neat habits and appearance and manners, earning the title of a gentleman," which is certainly praiseworthy."

Speaking of a big boxing show he saw in Melbourne, the captain comments on the Australian mitt artists: "The boxers were, of course, a long way behind our boys, and it seemed to me wanted some good teaching. They do not break clean away and rarely face—don't seem to know in the least about body and kidney punches."

So Tommy picked up an extra \$5,000 from the moving picture people. And no doubt he'll get at least \$15,000 from the moving pictures of the Johnson fight. While Johnson sold his end of the picture privileges for \$500, Burns wisely held tight to a royalty. Adding this \$20,000 to his other ring, stage, picture and wager earnings for the year, Tommy Burns will wind the season up \$153,000 to the good—and a little more if he takes a theatrical engagement or two after the big fight.

AFTER McNAMEE

Nanaimo Boxer Would Like to Meet Victoria Heavyweight Here

A communication has been received by the sporting editor of the Colonist from J. Battling Webster, challenging Alexander McNamee, the local heavyweight, to a boxing match, to be held at an early date. He is willing to concede to any reasonable division of the gate receipts.

GOES TO MILWAUKEE

John McCloskey Will Manage Baseball Team in American Association

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 3.—John J. McCloskey, former manager of several Pacific coast baseball teams, including Tacoma and Vancouver, has been secured to manage the Milwaukee team in the American association.

He began in the south, but has recently been manager of the St. Louis Nationals. In 1900 he went to Great Falls, won the pennant, and the next season went to Tacoma. He took second that year. In 1903 he won a pennant in Butte, and the next two years he was in Boise City and Vancouver.

Ten years before this season on the Pacific coast he was in California, having managed the Sacramento club, of the California league, in 1891.

ALL IN READINESS FOR THE BIG MATCH

The Vancouver Rugby Team Leaves for Victoria Tomorrow Morning

All is in readiness for Saturday's big match between the Victoria and Vancouver rugby teams. Both on the mainland and in this city much interest is evinced in the prospective conflict. While there is some difference of opinion as to the strength of the home fifteen's forward division, the opinion being that it should be a trifle heavier to be most effective, the confidence displayed as to their chances against the Terminal City stalwarts is encouraging. The dominant sentiment is that the locals should be able to show the visitors a few of the fine points in the pastime, more especially in the work of the three-quarters and the half-backs. It is remarkable that in Vancouver the opinion is just as strong the other way. There they think, apparently, that Victoria is still the weaker side and that the match will not have progressed long before the Mainlanders are able to show the Islanders just where they stand relatively.

That is the situation today. Meanwhile the players, those who will take an active part in the combat, are silently but none the less faithfully, training. The scrum formation drills, which have been held every night this week at the James Bay gymnasium, have been exceedingly beneficial. The Vancouver men, it is said, have not been neglecting preparation and will take the field perfectly fit.

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On the Waterfront

OPPORTUNITIES IN INNER HARBOR

Water Area Available Compares Favorably With That of Many British Ports

WHAT BRISTOL HAS DONE

Victoria's Advantages Superior to Many Where Port Works Are Established

With an area of water no greater than that contemplated in the scheme advanced for the improvement of the inner harbor, many British ports have established big harbor works. The opportunities of the inner harbor and the possibilities of improvement offer a far less difficult work than that carried out at many places. As stated yesterday the Sorby scheme proposed the temporary damming of the inner harbor and the dredging of 107 acres to a depth of 30 feet at low water, enclosing the waste material behind a retaining wall and reclaiming 104 acres in the indentures of the harbor front, the establishment of quays, dry dock and coal bunkers and the equipment of the quays with warehouses, cranes and other cargo handling facilities, such as are required at modern ports.

The work done at Bristol, where the new harbor works were opened in July, the occasion being marked by a Royal visit to Bristol, the area utilized in the harbor works was not greater, it is large, as that of the inner harbor of Victoria. Bristol was one of the greatest ports of the west of England, her trade being largely linked with the Americas, yet competitor after competitor outstripped her in the commercial race. Then the people of Bristol saw the urgency—as those of Victoria will do when the same circumstances are experienced to force the completion of the harbor improvement. They had enterprise, and spent £2,500,000 in improvement. This secured at the mouth of the Avon a magnificent sheet of water 30 acres in extent, with an entrance lock 875 feet by 100 feet, and a depth over sill of 46 feet. The basin, which is entered from the lock, is 1,120 feet long, the largest liner at present afloat can swing with ease. Two fine transit sheds are provided, each 500 feet long, and two stores in height; one the flat roofs will be electric travelling cranes. The wharf where these sheds are placed possesses an underground grain conveying plant communicating with a granary of 5000 quarters capacity. On the south wharf is a single floor export shed, also 500 feet in length, where electric cranes capable of handling up to ten tons will be located. The entire length of wharfage is 3,730 feet. This is exclusive of the passenger wharfage provided by the entrance piers which stretch out into the Severn. At the southeast corner of the new dock is a wide channel communicating with the older Avonmouth dock. For a length of 500 feet this connection has a width of 250 feet, which will permit of steamers being berthed on each side, while there yet remains space for vessels to pass to and fro. Nowadays no floating harbor is complete without adequate dry dock accommodation, and at the Royal Edward dock, adjoining the entrance, is a graving dock 850 feet in length.

The new dock brings Bristol's total provision for vessels up to 146 acres, against the 150 acres of Newport, that recommended for the inner harbor of Victoria. In the Sorby scheme the area of the inner harbor is 107 acres, the 144½ acres of the Butte docks, and the 124½ acres which Swansea will possess when her new dock is completed next year.

Many of the ports largely used by shipping in England have had to contend with great difficulties. As Ruskin said, some of the rivers of the north of England have had to be "educated." The Tyne was one of these, and the decision has just been reached by the Tyne Improvement commissioners to proceed further with the "education" of the great waterway entrusted to their charge. This work illustrates the manner in which ports which have not the natural advantages of Victoria have made them. The Tyne is, like many another, essentially a "made" river, its navigable channel is almost wholly an artificial one. Well-founded tradition says that at low tide people at one time could wade across the stream at its mouth. Within living memory the depth of water on the bar was no more than the "educated" depth of the last salmon fleet to sail before the Blue Funnel liners took the trade. The Ballachulish was bound from Hamburg to Santa Rosalia when the stranding took place.

REPAIR JOBS LOST TO LOCAL YARDS

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in South Africa

South Africa within the last few years has gained more prominence perhaps than in all its past history. Its rich diamond mines have won for it an enviable reputation. Its native aprils excite sympathy everywhere, while the Boer war, the effect of which will be felt for a long time to come was looked upon with mixed emotions, the world cheering or mourning, according to the interests involved. During these critical times its commerce was crippled, supplies were scarce and only staple articles were shipped there. Among these were Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It was sent there in large quantities as its reputation for usefulness and reliability had already been established. Mr. S. Schneider of Koffeyfontein, Orange River Colony, shows by the following letter that this medicine is still held in high esteem. He says: "I thank you for your good Cough Remedy. I used it for myself and three children when we had bad coughs and it helped us. Every family should keep it at hand."

MARINE INTELLIGENCE

Special to the Colonist

Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Fair, cloudy, wind east, 20 miles an hour. In, a steam schooner towing a four-masted schooner, at 7 a.m. Tatoosh, 10 a.m.—Out, steamer Charles Nelson and steamer Beechley.

Neah Bay, 10 a.m.—In, steamer Olson and Mahony, towing the schooner Andy Mahony, at 8.30 a.m.

Port Crescent, 10 a.m.—In, the ship Yosemite, at 9.40 a.m. Tatoosh, noon—Clear, wind east, 28 miles an hour. Out, steamer Tordenskjold.

Tatoosh, 4 p.m.—Inward, steamer Riverside, at 3.40 p.m. Out, steamer Georgia, Victoria for Salina Cruz.

By Wireless

Cape Lazo, 8 a.m.—Clear and calm. Bar, 29.92, temp. 28. Sea smooth. At 7.50 a.m. spoke the steamer Quadra which left Vancouver at 7.30 bound south.

Point Grey, 8 a.m.—Fair, foggy, calm. Bar, 30, temp. 26.

Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Part cloudy, wind east, 30 miles an hour. Bar, 29.95, temp. 44. Passed in, steam schooner at 5.20; passed in, two-masted schooner towing four-masted schooner at 7.10.

Estevan, 8 a.m.—Clear, calm. Bar, 30.04, temp. 34. Sea smooth.

Pachena, 8 a.m.—Clear, calm. Bar, 29.83, temp. 33. Smooth sea.

Cape Lazo, noon—Clear and calm. Bar, 29.97, temp. 36. Sea smooth. At 10 a.m. the steamer Quadra passed south.

Point Grey, noon—Fair, calm, fog. Bar, 30.03, temp. 42. At 11.55 spoke steamer Quadra bound south.

Tatoosh, noon—Clear, wind east, 28 miles an hour. Bar, 30.03, temp. 41. Passed in, but the schooner Alice at 8.05 a.m.; also steamer Charles Nelson at 8.30 a.m. Passed in, the schooner Louise at 9 a.m.; a schooner at 9.05 a.m.; steamer Beechley at 9.20 a.m.; schooner Mary at 10.10 a.m.; and steamer Tordenskjold at 11.30 a.m.

Pachena, noon—Clear, haze on sea, wind east, Bar, 29.93, temp. 41. Sea smooth. Steamer Tees passed up at 11.15 a.m.

Estevan, noon—Clear, a light east wind. Bar, 30.08, temp. 43. Sea smooth.

Cape Lazo, 6 p.m.—Clear and calm. Bar, 29.98, temp. 33. Sea smooth. Spoke steamer Santa Clara, north bound, at 5.30 a.m.

Point Grey, 6 p.m.—Clear and calm. Bar, 30.04, temp. 35. Out, steamer Fukui Maru at 3.10 p.m.

Tatoosh, 6 p.m.—Clear, wind east, 22 miles an hour. Bar, 30.05, temp. 44. Out, the steamer Riverside at 10 p.m.; the steamer Georgia at 10 p.m.

Estevan, 6 p.m.—Clear, calm. Bar, 30.04, temp. 40. Smooth sea. No shipping.

Pachena, 6 p.m.—Clear and calm. Bar, 29.91, temp. 34. No shipping.

unloaded on the nearest ballast hill, has been superseded long years ago by some of the most powerful dredgers in the world. The deepening of the river has been carried out in ordered sequence, and the work has progressed from stage to stage almost without interruption. The latest improvement, sanctioned on Thursday last, is the deepening of the river channel from the Northumberland dock entrance to Newcastle swing bridge from 20 feet (as at present) to 25 feet at low water ordinary spring tides, and from Newcastle swing bridge to Deadwood from 18 feet (as at present) to the same depth—25 feet. The work will take years to complete, and the engineers estimate of cost is £243,430. Nor does Alderman Richardson, who presented the adopted recommendation to his colleagues on the commission, think that the improvements will be done. Most likely not. Vessels are growing year by year larger, and they will become larger still if port facilities keep pace with them.

BALLACHULISH ASHORE AT TOPOLOBAMPO

Well Known Sailing Vessel Stranded at Southern Port When on the Way to Santa Rosalia

Advices from Santa Rosalia state that the British ship Ballachulish, Captain Butler, went ashore two miles south of Topolobampo, Nov. 10. She was floated two days later after jettisoning part of her cargo. Whether or not she is badly damaged the advices do not state. The Ballachulish is well known in Victoria. She was one of the ships of the last salmon fleet to sail before the Blue Funnel liners took the trade. The Ballachulish was bound from Hamburg to Santa Rosalia when the stranding took place.

REPAIR JOBS LOST TO LOCAL YARDS

Little Government Vessels Occupied Drydock and Work Went to Puget Sound Shipyards

The shipbuilding firms of Victoria have been handicapped this autumn by the drydock being occupied by government vessels, little craft which could easily be picked up on the smallest of marine ways. The hydrographic steamer Lillooet is now in the drydock at Esquimalt, and as a result a repair job which would have occupied nine or ten days has been lost to this city. A telegram received from the owners of a 4,000 ton steamer now on the Sound, asking if repairs could be effected here, was answered with the information that the Lillooet was in the drydock, and would be there for four days. The shipowner could not wait, and the work went to a Tacoma shipyard in consequence. When the Algeria was in the drydock some weeks ago undergoing repairs, four jobs are reported to have been lost to this port owing to the drydock being occupied.

STEAMERS CHANGED ON ACCOUNT OF ACCIDENT

Victoria Will Remain on Vancouver-Victoria Run

The following arrangements have been completed by the C.P.R. to handle the ferry traffic in view of the accident to the Charnier.

The Princess Royal left last evening for Seattle on her regular time and will again leave Seattle for Vancouver at 10 a.m. today. She will leave Vancouver at 3 p.m. for Seattle. The regular time of the Charnier, which left at 6 p.m., she will leave here for Seattle at 11.30 o'clock and return to Victoria at 8.30 a.m. the following day and will then continue upon that run.

The Princess Victoria left Vancouver at 10 o'clock last night, arriving here at 2 p.m. today. She left after debarking her passengers for Seattle and leaves there at 8 a.m. today for this city. Reaching here at 1 p.m. she will leave for Vancouver and will continue upon the run between here and Vancouver pending other arrangements. No heavier days have been arranged. There will be no steamer on the run between Vancouver and Seattle.

ACCIDENT RECALLS FORMER MISHAPS

Steamer Charnier Will Be Repaired at Esquimalt—Salvor Leaves

The steamer Charnier will probably be brought to Esquimalt for repairs. The salvage tug William J. Life which is equipped with a large duplex pump and also carries a big Gwynne salvage pump left yesterday afternoon, and the salvage steamer Salvor, also of the C.P.R., left yesterday afternoon, both for Esquimalt. The Charnier was last night, with further gear and divers, Capt. J. W. Troup, who returned from Seattle yesterday, and T. G. Mitchell, Lloyd's surveyor, were passengers on the Salvor. Chief Engineer Macgowan of the C.P.R. was also on board. The injuries to the Charnier will be temporarily patched by the salvage crew and the steamer will be brought to Esquimalt, most probably today. It is not expected that much difficulty will be encountered in floating her.

The bulkhead arrangement of the Charnier is such that she is almost unsinkable. With her forehold, the damage is located, full of water it would be possible for her to make the voyage. She came from Puget Sound after an accident in 1892 in that condition, with her port side smashed in her midships.

The Charnier, which was formerly the Premier, has had an eventful career since she was built by the Union Iron Works of San Francisco in 1887, for a connecting link between the C.P.R. terminals at Vancouver and the United States. Many shipmasters have had command of her, her last commander being Capt. Frank White, then Capt. John O'Brien, and then Capt. Gilroy. It was while Capt. Gilroy had command in 1892 that the steamer Williamette cut into the port side and killed four men and injured twenty. T. G. Mitchell, Lloyd's surveyor, who went to the assistance of the Charnier on the Salvor, was chief engineer and he was pressed against the bulkhead when the steamer Williamette's stern drove through his room and narrowly escaped.

It was in the early morning when the Charnier was in the narrow waterway of the port side, just forward of the pilot house and crashed through into the smoking room and cabin, knocking the pilot house out of position and instantly killing John Bankin, of Seattle, and C. W. Rankin, and Johannes Mow of Tacoma, and William P. Richardson afterward died of his injuries, while twenty were injured. The Charnier was cut down to the water and the boiler's bow was kept pressed against her until she was pushed over to the pier and she was beached in 24 feet of water, the passengers being transferred to the Williamette.

While the Charnier was lying partially submerged, many attorneys prepared libels. Capt. John Irving and others went quietly from Victoria while the expenses of the wreck were being paid. The year previous there was a small margin of profit. The earnings of that year were \$3,872,860 and the expenses \$3,717,948. There was a profit of \$154,912. The year prior to that the profits amounted to \$408,475. The earnings of that year were \$3,414,169, and the expenses \$3,290,694.

The Pacific Coast Steamship company is one of the concerns operated by the Pacific Coast company which has also a couple of railway lines, coal, lumber and grain businesses. The gross receipts of the whole concern last year, up to June, 1903, amounted to \$2,272,958, with running expenses amounting to \$629,626, showing a profit of \$1,643,332. This is lower than the net result of the previous year when the profits were \$1,119,879. The steamship company was the only branch of the business in which a deficit is shown.

BIG SHIPMENT OF FISH TO JAPAN

TRAIN FERRY BOUGHT BY NEW RAILROAD

Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Line Buys Columbia River Ferry—Its New Service in Doubt

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Co. is reported to have purchased the old ferry steamer Tacoma, operated between Goble and Kalama, on the Columbia, by the Northern Pacific railway. The Portland Oregonian says: After 23 years' service, the plying across the Columbia river between Goble and Kalama, the Northern Pacific ferry Tacoma will be taken off the run within the next two or three weeks. The future of the famous old boat that has done such good service since the building of the Northern Pa-

cific to Portland, almost a quarter of a century ago, is very uncertain. The craft, still in good condition, it is said, and it for service for many years yet.

It is rumored that the Milwaukee is negotiating for the purchase of the ferry and may use it on the Columbia river, but it is thought to be more likely that the craft may be towed to Puget Sound for use by the new line in crossing some arm of that great inland sea.

The Tacoma has never been out of commission since it was put on the run when the Northern Pacific was completed, twenty-three years ago. This is a remarkable record. It has never been in a collision or wreck, and has never been an accident on board that cost the life of any one of the hundreds of thousands of passengers that have crossed the Columbia on the train ferry. How many thousands of miles the ferry boat has travelled during its service on the Columbia river, it would be hard to say.

During the heavy freight movement, when practically every freight car owned by the railroads of the country was working full time, the Tacoma was allowed hardly an hour of rest. It was kept constantly at work crossing and recrossing the river to care for the very heavy traffic movement. Even in less busy times the ferry was hard at work taking passenger and freight trains across the river at all hours of the day and night in all sorts of weather. Probably few people live in Portland today who have not made the trip across on this ferry at some time or other since their residence here.

Men long in the railroad service in Portland recall the only accident worthy of note to occur on board the Tacoma. It is a tale of the operating department of all railroads that as long as a locomotive is "alive"—that is, has steam up—either the engineer or fireman must stay in the cab. In crossing the river years ago a freight train was being taken across and the engineer and fireman both went into the lunch room on the ferry to get coffee and doughnuts. While the engine was left alone steam leaked into the cylinders, started it up, and it went off the end of the boat into the river.

The engine crew came back from lunch their eyes grew as big as the doughnuts they had just eaten, for there was no engine in sight. The engine crew was promptly discharged. The engine was later raised, little the worse for its plunge to the bottom of the river.

UNIQUE PROPELLER IS FOUND SUCCESSFUL

Kosmos Liner Mera Made Fast Time With the Nekke Screw Invented By Duke of Oldenburg

The German steamer Mera, Captain Jurgenson, of the Kosmos line, now loading for the west coast and Hamburg at Tacoma, is equipped with a unique propeller. In fact, the only one of its kind in use on the steamers of the fleet. It is a radical departure from the usual propeller and has been used with great success on the Mera. It will be remembered when the Mera was on Puget Sound last, which was in August, 1902, she was testing the new propeller, which was the Duke of Oldenburg, which had added a knot an hour to her speed. This record has been maintained, and, according to Captain Jurgenson, a great difference in the speed of the vessel has been noted, particularly in smooth weather.

The invention of the Duke of Oldenburg is called the Nekke propeller and was first tried on the handsome private yacht owned by the duke. Later on was installed on a North German Lloyd liner and then on the Mera. It has four large blades, the same as the usual propeller, but they are set one behind the other instead of extending from exactly the same center point as the usual propeller. Though, of course, at right angles. Naturally the propeller constructed in this way requires a larger or rather a wider space in which to revolve. It happened that the Mera possessed a wide propeller well and the new wheel was installed on her. The intention has been to remodel the present vessels of the fleet in order to use it. It would be installed on the others.

PACIFIC COAST STEAMERS OPERATED AT LOSS

Company's Expenses Last Year Were Greater Than Earnings of the Vessels

The Pacific Coast Steamship company was again run at a loss last year. The financial statement just issued for the financial year of 1903 of the company shows that the earnings were \$1,131,101 less than the operating expenses of the company. The earnings of the line totalled \$3,693,339, while the expenses were \$2,562,238. The year previous there was a small margin of profit. The earnings of that year were \$3,872,860 and the expenses \$3,717,948. There was a profit of \$154,912. The year prior to that the profits amounted to \$408,475. The earnings of that year were \$3,414,169, and the expenses \$3,290,694.

The Pacific Coast Steamship company is one of the concerns operated by the Pacific Coast company which has also a couple of railway lines, coal, lumber and grain businesses. The gross receipts of the whole concern last year, up to June, 1903, amounted to \$2,272,958, with running expenses amounting to \$629,626, showing a profit of \$1,643,332. This is lower than the net result of the previous year when the profits were \$1,119,879. The steamship company was the only branch of the business in which a deficit is shown.

BIG SHIPMENT OF FISH TO JAPAN

Herrings From Nanaimo and Dog Salmon Being Shipped on Steamers Bound to the Far East

The steamers Antiochus and the Glenfarg, as well as the tramp steamer Fukui Maru, are carrying big shipments of fish for Japan. The Glenfarg has 1,000 boxes of herrings. The Vancouver World says: "The trade with Japan in dog fish and herring is growing rapidly and the local Japanese fishermen are reported to be preparing for a complete absorption of the herring trade now controlled by the white men at Nanaimo." One of the local companies, now superintending the re-loading of the Fukui Maru at the Johnson wharf, said that the prospects in the fish industry between British Columbia and Japan are excellent, and that his firm as well as other concerns are preparing to em-

bark into the business in a more extensive scale as soon as the money situation in the Orient improves.

"The 1,000 tons of dog salmon being reloaded on to the Fukui Maru is smelling high unto heaven already, and some of it has been in the cases more than two months and lay on the barges unsalted long before that. The Japanese are none too generous with the layer of salt between each layer of fish."

"The shipper when asked if it would be in salable condition when it arrived at Yokohama nearly a month hence said that both Chinese and Japanese liked their fish 'old.'"

Owners of the little fishing schooner Ida May are somewhat anxious over the little vessel's delayed return to Tacoma from the fishing banks. The Ida May has been out for sixteen days and is expected at any time. It has not been for the disaster which ended the first cruise of the schooner and also the maiden voyage of the Clara G. owned by the same company, the owners would now probably give but little thought to the long absence of the Ida May.

THE LARGEST AFLOAT

New Atlantic Leviathans Will Eclipse the Lusitania and Mauretania

London, Dec. 3.—The largest Atlantic leviathans, the Lusitania and Mauretania, are to be eclipsed by only a transitory fame as the largest vessels afloat. The Clyde and the Tyne, from which the giant Cunarders were launched, must at no distant date surrender the honors to the Lagan. Messrs. Harland and Wolff are hurrying forward the numerous alterations and additions to their yard which of necessity had to precede the building of the mammoth White Star liners Olympic and Titanic. The famous Belfast firm have for many years enjoyed a reputation as pioneers both in the building of great ocean-going ships and in the equipment and resources of their splendid yard. Their policy has been of the most progressive nature in both these respects, and the developments which are soon to be recorded, although probably undreamt of even a decade ago, are only in keeping with their best traditions. The exact proportions of the new White Star liners have not yet been divulged, but their gross tonnage will approach 45,000 tons, with a displacement of 60,000 tons, as against the 17,000 tons gross of the Olympic and the 32,500 tons of the Lusitania. The cost of the new liners has been estimated to exceed by \$50,000 that of the 22 Cunarders. Other improvements in the yard include the erection of an enormous double gantry over the two new slips on which the keels are to be laid, the erection of a floating crane of skyscraper dimensions, and the introduction of the most modern hydraulic and pneumatic plant, electrically driven. More than 12,000 men will be employed.

Professor and Mr. Hadley were on a train bound for New York, where Yale's president was to speak before a national convention. He made use of the hour and twenty minutes he spent in the train by rehearsing his speech in a low voice, using his hands to emphasize certain passages. A kind of matter who is sitting directly behind Mr. and Mrs. Hadley, and who had been watching and listening, leaned forward, and tapping Mrs. Hadley on the shoulder, said feelingly, "You have my sincere sympathy, my poor woman; I have one just like him at home."

MOVEMENT OF VESSELS

Steamers to Arrive		
Vessel	From	Due
Amiral Oby	From the Orient	Dec. 4
Ara Maru	From the Orient	Dec. 10
Yakima	From the Orient	Dec. 13
Empress of China	From the Orient	Dec. 18
Iyo Maru	From the Orient	Dec. 24
Maikura	From Australia	Dec. 26
Lonsdale	From Mexico	Dec. 16
Princess May	From Skagway	Dec. 10
From Northern British Columbia ports		
Cambuscan	From Skagway	Dec. 9
Vaisso	From Skagway	Dec. 30
Vaisso	From Skagway	Dec. 10
Princess Beatrice	From West Coast	Dec. 19
Tees	From San Francisco	Nov. 20
City of Puebla	From San Francisco	Dec. 6
Umatilla	From San Francisco	Dec. 11
Queen	From San Francisco	Dec. 16

Sailing Vessels		
Vessel	Left	Date
Haddon, Hall, Liverpool	For Skagway	April 2
Deached Monterey in distress, July 9		
Furitan	For Boston	July 9
Steamers to Sail		
Vessel	Left	Date
Tango Maru	For the Orient	Dec. 5
Empress of Japan	For the Orient	Dec. 9
Moana	For Australia	Dec. 4
Lonsdale	For Mexico	Dec. 21
Princess May	For Skagway	Dec. 10
For Northern British Columbia ports		
Venture	For Skagway	Dec. 11
Vaisso	For Skagway	Dec. 30
Vaisso	For Skagway	Dec. 10
Princess Beatrice	For West Coast	Dec. 19
Tees	For San Francisco	Dec. 1
Queen	For San Francisco	Dec. 7
Umatilla	For San Francisco	Dec. 12
City of Puebla	For San Francisco	Dec. 17

Local Steamers		
Vessel	Left	Date
Leave Victoria	For Skagway	Dec. 3
Leave Victoria	For Seattle	Dec. 19
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ATLANTIC EXPRESS TRAIN NO. 96.

Leaves Vancouver daily at 3:15 p. m.; has through standard and tourist sleeping cars to Montreal daily, to Boston on Thursdays. Tourist sleeper will leave Montreal Thursday, Dec. 10th, on Train No. 9 at 7:25 p. m. for St. John, N. B., connecting with EMPRESS OF IRELAND, leaving Dec. 11th.

SS. LAKE ERIB sails from St. John, N. B. Dec. 6th
SS. EMPRESS OF IRELAND, sails from St. John, N. B. Dec. 11th
SS. EMPRESS OF BRITAIN, sails from St. John, N. B. Dec. 25th

RATES TO ST. JOHN, N. B.

(With ocean ticket) First-class, \$73.40; Second class, \$62.50.
ST. JOHN, N. B., TO LIVERPOOL BY EXPRESS
 First, \$82.50; Second, \$48.75; Third, \$28.75.
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WHEN WILL THE CLOCK STOP

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On Thursday, December 3, at noon representatives from the Colonist and Times presented themselves at the store of

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to see a certain clock securely fastened to the wall, wound up, set going, and sealed up, and from now until the clock stops, every dollar spent in the store will entitle the customer to one guess as to what day, hour and minute the clock will stop.

The only information which will be given to anyone regarding the clock, is that it is listed in the Ansonia catalogue as an eight-day timepiece. It may stop in less than eight days, but it will probably go quite a while longer.

Twelve Prizes will
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To the twelve nearest guessers, whether they guess the right time or not, but only one prize to any one person.

As the clock, when running down, will probably vary in time, the time at which it shall be said to stop, shall be the time registered by itself.

Coupons should be handed in at as early a date as possible, as, in the event of two or more winners guessing the same time, the first of them handed in will be given the preference.

Be particular to write your full name and address and to state the time as a.m. or p.m., or use railroad time (24-hour system).

FIRST PRIZE

**Diamond Ring Valued
\$85.00**

2nd prize, gentleman's 21 jeweled watch, in a 20-year gold filled case, value \$15.00

3rd prize, ladies 14k jeweled watch, in a 14k 20-year gold filled case, value \$10.00

4th prize, Gents 14k solid gold watch, net 14k, value \$11.00

5th prize, Handsome Marbleized mantel clock, value \$12.50

6th prize, Ladies 14k solid gold ring, set with five white pearls, value \$10.50

7th prize, Gents 14k solid gold bracelet, R. F. Simmons manufacture, value \$7.75

8th prize, Ladies 14k solid gold Lorgnette chain, value \$7.00

9th prize, Handsome cut glass bowl, 8-inch, value \$6.50

10th prize, Silver plated berry dish, value \$6.00

11th prize, Silver plated cake basket, value \$5.50

12th prize, Silver plated berry spoon, value \$2.00

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. G. W. Barlow, from Seattle, is on a business trip to the city.

Capt. Renny returned to his home in Vancouver yesterday.

V. E. Roberts, of Montreal, is a guest at the Empress.

Col. McLaughlin, of London, is a guest at the Empress.

H. M. and Miss Hicks, of Brisbane, are registered at the Empress.

Mrs. T. D. Pawcett of 1016 Linden Avenue will not receive this month.

Charles Wilson, K.C., of Vancouver, was in the city yesterday on private business.

E. J. Palmer, of Chemainus, is spending a day or two in the city. He is staying at the Empress.

Mr. E. J. Palmer came down from Chemainus yesterday, and is staying at the Empress.

Mrs. G. D. McKay, of Winnipeg, accompanied by her son, Mr. Charles McKay, are registered at the Empress.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Dolan, of Boise, Idaho, are visiting Victoria. They are staying at the Empress.

Mr. Hill's chances for recovery are now considered to be distinctly favorable at St. Joseph's hospital.

Mrs. Gordon Hunter left Victoria yesterday morning on a visit to Vancouver.

Mrs. F. G. Ewing, from Prince Rupert, is spending a few days in town.

Capt. and Mrs. Tuckle and Miss Tuckle, from Duncan, are spending a few days in town.

Mrs. A. T. Watt was a passenger by the steamer Princess Victoria from Seattle yesterday.

Max Leiser was a passenger by the steamer Princess Victoria from Seattle yesterday.

Mrs. M. E. Ferris left yesterday via the Northern Pacific on a visit to friends at Los Angeles, Cal.

The ladies of the Metropolitan Guild of the Methodist church will meet this afternoon at the residence of Mrs. F. G. Richards, 1242 Fort street.

James R. Hudson went over to Vancouver yesterday afternoon on the Princess Victoria on a short business trip.

Mr. T. M. Kallaneger, from Toronto, who is spending a few days in town, is a guest at the Empress.

Mrs. A. Koenig, the proprietress of the hotel at Shawinigan lake, is in town for a couple of days, and is stopping at the Dominion.

Stephen Jones, proprietor of the Dominion Hotel returned home from the Sound by the steamer Princess Victoria yesterday.

L. M. Rogers, of the British North American Trust Company, was a passenger of the steamer Princess Victoria from Seattle yesterday.

Mrs. Robert Fortune, of Winnipeg, accompanied by her niece, Miss Fellows, left yesterday via the C.P.R. on their return to the Prairie Capital.

Mrs. Charles Copeland, who has been enjoying a delightful visit to her old home at Los Angeles, Cal., has returned to Victoria.

Capt. J. W. Troup, superintendent of the British Columbia coast service of the C.P.R. and Mrs. Troup returned yesterday from Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Sherman, of Vancouver, who have been visiting in the city for the past week, returned home by the Princess Victoria yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Davis of Seattle who has been visiting her sister Mrs. T. D. Pawcett, of Linden Avenue, left by the steamer Princess Royal yesterday to return home.

H. P. Taylor left yesterday via the Northern Pacific for New York whence he will sail on the Cunarder Lucania on a three months trip to the Old Country.

bridge during this week was Mrs. Slater, who gave a small but charming party to a few of her friends yesterday afternoon.

Paymaster T. South, of H.M.S. Egria, leaves tonight via the C.P.R. for St. John where he will sail on the Empress of Ireland on his return to the Old Country.

Mrs. Dalton McCarthy, Miss Lally and Mrs. Miss Fitzgerald have moved from Carberry Gardens. Mrs. McCarthy has taken 1344 Elford street for the winter.

Alexander T. Gooding, of Vancouver, who has been spending the past two days in the city on business, returned home yesterday on the Princess Victoria.

Among the passengers leaving via the C.P.R. and the Empress of Ireland for the Old Country yesterday were G. Curtis J. W. Mowatt, J. J. Leask, T. Leask and G. Leask. They will sail from St. John on the 11th.

Mrs. Wilkinson came down from Cobble Hill yesterday, only to find that her husband, whom she expected to meet last evening, had been detained by the accident to the Vancouver boat. She is staying at the Fairbairn.

The sewing committee of the Women's Auxiliary Provincial Relief Jubilee hospital, will meet this afternoon at the hospital. As this is the last meeting before vacation, all are asked to attend.

Mr. A. G. Donihitt, who came over from Seattle yesterday to referee the basketball game, met with a disappointment in consequence of the accident to the charmer. He is registered at the Dominion, and returns home this afternoon.

Capt. and Mrs. Blomquist, who have been over to Seattle, where the captain has been attending the Shriners' convention, returned to town yesterday, and are at the Dominion, going up to Shawinigan lake today. Capt. Blomquist during the season of navigation has charge of the steamer Prospector, which plies between White Horse and Dawson.

The House of Quality

Let Us Lay It Aside for You

There is no reason why you should not do your Christmas choosing this week. It is not necessary to do the actual buying—unless you care to—but we will gladly lay aside now, any articles you may pick out for Christmas purchase. Come while the stock is complete and before the rush starts. Better for you—better for ourselves.

A LITTLE LIST OF LITTLE PRICES

His Majesty, the King

Below are some gift suggestions for the "dear little dimpled darling who's never seen Christmas yet":

Gold Baby Pin 25c to \$4.
Gold Necklets \$1 to \$10.
Set of Three Pins with chain, \$2 to \$5.
Baby Ring, 75c to \$3.50.
Set of Knife, Fork and Spoon, \$1.25 to \$5.50.
Baby Spoon 50c to \$2.
Food Pusher 50c to \$2.
Hair Brush and Comb \$3 to \$5.

Gifts for the Man o' the house

Among the many articles that he would appreciate from "Whitney's" note the following:

Watch \$7.50 to \$150.
Locket \$2 to \$75.
Auto Clock \$10 to \$11.
Smoker's Set \$2 to \$15.
Liquor Sets \$12 to \$20.
Wallet \$2 to \$10.
Inkwell \$1 to \$22.

Any Wife to Any Husband

While Browning's poem doesn't deal with Christmas gift-making, its title certainly fits the following suggestion list:

Gold and Bloodstone Signet Ring, \$10.
Tie Holders, \$3.
Diamond Scarf Pin, \$25.
Traveling Clock, \$15.
Umbrella, \$15.
Pipe, \$5.

Three Score Years and Ten

Christmas does not lose its joyousness even for those whose locks rival the whiteness of Yuletide snow. Grandfather will indeed be an appreciative recipient of any of the following:

Fob \$5.
Watch \$10.
Meerschaum Pipe \$4.50.
Fountain Pen \$3.
Cane \$5.
Spectacles \$5.

Many hundreds of useful and dainty articles are to be found in our stock at prices to suit the purchaser. Shop early, when the assortment is at its best. You can then see how we have prepared for your needs in the large collection of Diamonds, Watches, Chains, Fobs, Lockets, Cuff Links, Studs, Scarf Pins, Scarf Holders, Brooches, Rings, Bracelets, Necklets, Hat Pins, Belt Buckles, Back Combs, Thimbles, Umbrellas, Canes, Field Glasses, Opera Glasses, Spectacles, Reading Glasses, Telescopes, Silverware, Clocks, Rich Cut Glass, Brass and Copper Ware, Sterling Silver Novelties, Ebony Goods of all kinds, Pearl and Ivory Handled Dessert, Dinner and Fish Sets, in cases, Bridge and Poker Sets, Bronze Statues, Pipes, Cigar Cases, Secret Order Pins.

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AMUSEMENTS

Pictures at the Victoria

When the management of the Victoria theatre announced that the programme for this week would be the best that has ever been shown in this city they stated what was exactly right for the display of pictures last evening was quite up to expectations, and the show was given to a full house, in fact many having to be content with standing room. A complete show was given instead of two shows of the same pictures and the audience showed their appreciation by remaining until the last. The same show will be given to night and the management promises to have a new singer. Tomorrow afternoon a children's matinee will be given to which children will be admitted for half price. To this enter-

tainment the management of the theatre has invited the children of the Protestant Orphan's home. Arrangements will be made to give the orphans reserved seats and it is expected that the little ones will enjoy the show thoroughly. The entertainment will start at 2.30 and the complete list of pictures will be shown.

Concert by Band

The newly organized Victoria concert band will give its opening concert at the Victoria theatre on Sunday afternoon. Under the leadership of Bandmaster Sidney Rogers, the band has made considerable headway and a very well selected programme has been arranged. In addition to the regular musical part of the programme the band will be assisted by several local artists. Among those who have consented to assist are Miss Lilian Palmer, soprano, J. H. Griffiths, baritone, F. Waddington, baritone, band soloist, H. Seale and accompanist, Glen Pauline. There will be no admission charged to the concert but a collection will be taken at the door. The concert will commence at 3 o'clock and the doors of the theatre will be open half an hour earlier.

The New Grand

Up to last night Patterson's bronze statues worked one figure short, as one of the ladies was left in Tacoma sick. She returned yesterday quite recovered and assisted in the two performances last night and will be seen with the others for the rest of the week. The act is a beautiful and artistic one. Three perfectly formed women and one man, covered from head to foot with bronze paint, pose in a series of statues of celebrated groups of statuary. Other good acts are Jos. J. and Myra Davis Dowling in "A Snap Shot"; the two Ingalls, club

juglers and contortionists; John Fields, in monologue and song, and the illustrated song and good moving pictures. There will be a 10 cent children's matinee tomorrow afternoon.

The Pantages Theatre.

There is real class to the show at the Pantages this week and a more pleasing or better acted comedy sketch is seldom seen in western vaudeville than "Hubby's Realization," by Abrams and Johns. "The Marlboroughs" "That Merry Wood Family" alone present a fine class miniature vaudeville performance to the delight of both young and old. Cole and Cole, in an especially neat, acrobatic and Roman ring act, Maise Martell, singing and dancing in Spanish costume; Harry De Vera, singing the beautifully illustrated ballad "Love Days," and finishing with a double series of motion scenes on the biograph that send the audience away with a roar of laughter.

NEW SPECIES OF PAPER

Will supersede the Mantle Now Used in Incandescent Lighting

Milan, Dec. 3.—Professor Pierucci, the celebrated Italian physicist of the University of Pisa, announces that he has invented a new species of paper which is destined to revolutionize the present system of lighting, besides having numerous practical uses in electrical development owing to its remarkable conductive powers. The professor's invention is shortly to be placed on the market in a form which is intended to supersede the mantle hitherto in use in the incandescent system of lighting. It is claimed that the new article will be

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Estate of Green, Warlock & Company

Dividend No. 4, amounting to 10 per cent, will be paid by the Trustees at No. 1219 Langley street, Victoria, B. C., on and after Tuesday, the eighth day of December, 1908, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 5 p. m., to the creditors who have proved their claims to be entitled to rank on the above estate. Kindly remember that interest certificates have to be produced.
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The American Wrestler Dubs Hack's Version of Late Contest False

Frank Gotch, the Iowa wrestler, who caused Hackenschmidt to quit, after two hours of severe wrestling last spring in Chicago, has already started on his music hall tour in England and is receiving a cordial reception. After fulfilling his contract Gotch declares that he would be quite willing to meet the man from whom he wrestled the title should he so desire it.

Meanwhile, John Lamm, the young Swiss, who won the recent catch-as-catch-can tourney, has been the first to challenge the American.

Gotch's one desire since arrival in England, in view of the accusations of unfairness brought against him, has been to vindicate his name, and he has gone so far as to offer \$1,000 to charity if anyone will verify the statements circulated against him.

In a lengthy interview with Sporting Life, Gotch says that every word of Hack's version of the contest was false. Regarding the referee the champion said that the official was not of his selection. He explained that he was groused and regarding the accusation of gouging and using profane language he laughed and said that every bit of it was absolutely false.

"It is all too absurd," he said. Hackenschmidt's abilities are exaggerated. He is not a terror nor a wonder. I am ready to wrestle him or anybody catch-as-catch-can. If I am the champion I want to be the real champion, and take my hat off to a better. I am human, and have a right to have wrong impressions of me removed. I have never refused a man a match. I bear no man any ill-will. I have made a great study of wrestling, attack and defence.

"I am in England, unsolicited, and have no very great inducements. In wrestling Hackenschmidt I soon found out his plan of campaign. When he pulled me forward I went with him, and did not retreat as most men do. Then with under and back holds I slashed him to the ground. His favorite head hold I trifled with, put my head against his chest and got close, with head downward, like a boxer. Then I said, 'Come along and finish it,' whereupon he got back.

"All I can say is, I am here. Judge me."

"At the end of my tour I am ready to meet any man in my style. My sketch has run forty weeks in America. I desire to show the English people that I am not a regular brute."

SHALL AMATEURS PLAY WITH PROFESSIONALS?

Question Discussed by Vancouver Board of B.C.A.A.U.—Resolutions Passed

Vancouver, Dec. 2.—At the meeting of Vancouver District Local Board of the British Columbia Amateur Athletic Union, in the Vancouver Athletic club last night, President Chamberlin and Secretary Stacey, the two delegates to the executive meeting which will be held on Saturday, were instructed regarding the question as to whether amateurs should be allowed to play with professionals, and the proposed affiliation of the B. C. A. A. U. with the C. A. A. U.

The question of amateurs playing with professionals was discussed at length, and the following resolution, moved by Mr. Armstrong, and seconded by Mr. Risk, carried:

"That a resolution be submitted to the Union meeting on Saturday recommending that amateurs be allowed to play against professionals provided they receive the sanction of the Union; a permit to be given through the executive for each separate case."

This line of action was suggested by Dr. Davidson.

The proposal to affiliate with the C. A. A. U. was the subject of a general discussion, and Dr. Davidson, moved, seconded by Mr. Archibald, that the B. C. A. A. U. should affiliate with the C. A. A. U. An amendment was moved by Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. McCallum, that the matter be deferred for six months. Mr. Armstrong, in speaking for the amendment, said that the B. C. A. A. U. was too young to affiliate at present. The amendment was carried, but Mr. Archibald, the Y. M. C. A. delegate, said that body would withdraw from the Union if it did not affiliate with the C. A. A. U.

Mr. Armstrong said the V. A. C. was in favor of the P. N. A., the Y. M. C. A. favored the C. A. A. U., and the lacrosse men were against the C. A. A. U. At that rate it was impossible to get together. He therefore, withdrew his amendment, and moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried:

"That our representatives recommend to the Provincial executive that they correspond and send copies of the constitution and by-laws, etc., with a view to determining under what terms we can affiliate satisfactory to both of us, and have our delegates report back to this board for instruction for a final vote on the matter."

The President, Chief Chamberlin, presided and the others present were Dr. Davidson, Mr. Ramsay, Rev. J. S. Henderson, A. L. Lawrie, H. A. Armstrong, W. Risk, Mr. Archibald, and Secretary G. N. Stacey.

TOXTETH MAY HAVE COLLIDED WITH ICE

Experiences of Numerous Sailing Ships Which Have Met Ice Causes That Belief

That the British ship Toxteth was lost through collision with ice off Cape Horn is the theory advanced by a writer in Shipping Illustrated, to account for the fate of the vessel just "posted as missing" at Lloyd's. He says: "Since March last not fewer than seven vessels on this route have collided with ice, and it seems probable that the big British ship 'Toxteth,' recently posted as missing, met her fate in this way. In August last the Italian barque 'Cognati' struck the spur of a berg, not far from the Falklands, and, on arrival at the River Plate for repairs, her master reported having observed several bergs, and a large quantity of wreckage among the ice which all appeared to be from some vessel recently crushed. About the same time, the French barque 'Guerrier' had a similar experience, east of Cape Horn, and also put in to Montevideo. Another French sailing ship 'Criset,' spoken on the Equator in the Atlantic, reported having collided with ice and sustained slight damage near Cape Horn. In March the

Carnarvon Bay collided with a berg, and about 30 tons of ice fell from this unwelcome visitor on to her deck. Toward the middle of last September, about 800 miles east of Falkland, the Arracan spent eight days in effecting a passage into the open sea from ice with which she was surrounded. Some of the bergs were very lofty, and an enormous ice field stretched from horizon to horizon. Finding an exit to the northward impossible, the Arracan stood south and she eventually got clear, after having been surrounded by ice for 1,000 miles along a meridian and bumping heavily at intervals. The first berg sighted by the Cognati was estimated to be 15 miles in length, and that which she struck was 1,310 feet, from water-line to summit, with a length of 10 miles. About sixty tons of ice fell from this berg on to the deck of the barque.

Between 1854 and 1855, and again from 1891 to 1895, icebergs were not only numerous but also immense in the Southern Ocean, and the United States Hydrographic Office brought out some admirable charts of the latter period, together with explanatory letter-press, on the back of the Pilot Charts of the North Atlantic, issued by that Department of the United States Navy for the benefit of navigators in general. During the twelve months the British Meteorological Office, through its Marine Branch, has issued similarly praised, worthy information on the back of the

office's monthly Pilot Charts of the Indian Ocean. These charts illustrate the distribution of ice in the Southern Ocean each month between 1885 and 1907, in geographical position, by the aid of specified symbols, and also give the extreme northern limits attained to by ice in that ocean based upon reports from ships received ever since the beginning of last century up to the end of 1907. Some day, perhaps, it will be possible to forecast months in advance the geographical position in which ice will be met by ships in the several oceans, but at present this is far beyond the horizon of progress. Wireless telegraph installations are, however, becoming more in favor, and in this way ships themselves may be enabled to keep each other posted as to the frequency of ice along the particular parallel adopted by each as most likely to ensure the greatest safety with the least pressing coal bill.

As matters stand, the navigator relying solely upon his individual experience at the moment is apt to be misled by the fact that he has selected so high a parallel of latitude on which to make his casting between the Cape of Good Hope and Australia, for example, on the assumption that vessels further north are free from the risk of ice which happens to be present with him, whereas a wireless telegram from the more northern vessels might have soothed his feelings by the report that ice was not

HORACE—THE PRESS AGENT

Boston, Dec. 2.—Guglielmo Ferrero, the Italian historian, likened Horace, the Latin poet, to a modern time press agent, in a lecture before Lowell Institute last night. Horace, he said, advertised the virtues of wine and thus made the people great users of the beverage. During the course of his lecture he said:

"The odes of Horace were not written in striving for literary merit, but for a commercial reason. Vineyards and olive orchards in his time covered practically the whole of Italy. Consequently the people were peaceful and did not want war, because war might injure those industries."

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But Horace,—say you guineas,—there's a guy who's nigh small beer. He has conned the ruddy ages from Augustan days to here. How he played them all for suckers,—kept them reading of his dope, Just his ads for hop and joy-wine,—under heathen priests and pope,—Olive oil and flowers and nosegays, he just peddled it profuse, And they call his efforts literature and nous.

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St. Petersburg, Nov. 28.—M. Hartweg, the Russian minister to Persia who has recently returned here from his post, has expressed himself as pessimistic regarding the political outlook in that country. He says that only a re-convention of parliament will put an end to the strong revolutionary movement in the north, and it is a question whether or not the Shah is able to carry through such an undertaking.

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AND that each and all of said works shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Local Improvement General By-law, and amendment thereto, and the City Engineer and City Assessor having reported to the Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the said By-law, upon each and every of said works of local improvement, giving statements showing the amounts estimated to be chargeable in each case against the various portions of real estate to be benefited by the said works, and the reports of the City Engineer and City Assessor aforesaid having been adopted by the Council.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the said reports are open for inspection at the office of the City Assessor, City Hall, Douglas street.

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Lands in Trust in Indian Titles.
Sir—Your article in review of the argument of Mr. Bodwell, K. C., before the Full Court, respecting the ownership of certain lands granted by the province to the Dominion under the Settlement Act is not, to my mind, tenable. The statement that because the lands known as the Railway Belt on the Mainland, which lie on either side of the line of the Canadian Pacific railway, were conveyed in trust, there exists a doubt as to their present custodian, will not, I think, to use a street phrase, hold water, because, if the meaning and effect of the words "in trust" can be construed to casting a doubt upon the title of the Dominion to the lands on the Mainland will not the same argument apply to the Island Railway belt, which was also conveyed in trust? (See Section 3, Island Railway, Grading Dock and Loan Act, 1884), a condition which you seem to have overlooked?

As I understand the words, "in trust," they mean that trustees are required to perform certain things before the ownership can pass. In the matter of the Mainland belt the Dominion Government guaranteed the construction of the railway, and the annual payment of the sum of \$1,000,000 to the province in perpetuity, in return for the conveyance of the lands contained in that belt. The railway has been constructed, the Dominion assumed the ownership of the lands and has since administered them. Regarding the Island Railway belt the Dominion stipulated the construction of the E. & N. railway, which having been done, the "trust" ended and the land was conveyed to the company by the Dominion. If the words "in trust" throw a doubt on the title of the Dominion to the Mainland lands, do they not as well shake the title of the Dominion syndicate to the Island belt?

But, so far as the Peace River lands are concerned, the conveyance is absolute. Observe that the words "in trust" are not used. Sec. 7 of the Settlement Act reads:

"There is hereby granted to the Dominion Government three and a half million acres of land in that portion of the Peace River district of British Columbia lying east of the Rocky Mountains and adjoining the North-West Territory of Canada, to be located by the Dominion in one rectangular block."

For these concessions the Dominion Government agreed to pay to the Province the sum of \$250,000 in return for which the Province bound itself to convey to the Dominion all the lands, approaches and plant belonging to the dry dock at Esquimalt, to discharge liabilities of said dock and to complete the work. The Dominion further agreed to subsidize the Island belt \$250,000 in cash and the lands known as the Island Railway belt, a company to construct and operate a line from Esquimalt to Nanaimo. When these conditions came to an end, the property of the Island Railway Company, the property of the belt was vested in the Island Railway Company.

Referring to Mr. Bodwell's questions, I do not think it necessary to answer them in his article. He says, "I was not privileged to hear" he may have gone further. I would not presume to traverse the legal opinion of the learned gentlemen on any subject or dispute his reasoning; but I cannot help saying that there are some who assert that the Indian titles in British Columbia were never extinguished and that the whites, with their cities, towns and villages, farms and mining properties, are merely squatters. Lord Dufferin, when here in 1876 called on the Provincial Government to extinguish the Indian titles; but it was never done. If the Privy Council should agree with Lord Dufferin, what a hubbub will be created throughout the Province.

D. W. HIGGINS.

A Neighborhood's Grievance.
Sir—I was very much interested in reading "Mr. Pennock's Grievance," and any one ignorant of the facts of the case would conclude that Mr. Pennock had a very bad, vicious set of neighbors. Well I am a neighbor of Mr. Pennock's and personally find no fault with him or with his long running industry, but I do find fault with the location of this industry.

Mr. Pennock is not the only one who has purchased land, located a long running industry and brought a member of his own family from the east. Some of his neighbors have done all this, not so much to make money as to make homes for themselves.

We read, we were told of the beauties of Victoria and its suburbs. The perfect climate, superb scenery, the rich soil, the ready market, etc. In fact we understood that Victoria was a land "where every prospect pleases." It was "Victoria, the city of beautiful homes" and "Victoria suburbs with such artistic gardens." I even heard some call it the Los Angeles of Canada, and Mr. Editor, I cannot contradict one word of the foregoing, but I can state that there is another side to Victoria suburbs which is equally true and offensively true also.

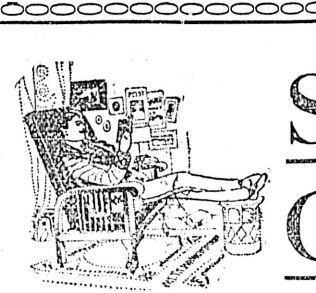
Not more than the quarters of a mile from the city limits on Carey road there are Chinamen who keep dairies right next to the public road, the stench from which is almost unbearable to the passers by. I heard a gentleman say who lives in the immediate vicinity that very near or adjoining these dairies are pigeries and slaughtering pens and at times when the hogs are open for sale, were filled with the stench of food cooking, his sleep is disturbed at night or long before daybreak in the morning by these pigs being slaughtered. Now this is not in the country, but in the residential suburbs for a few yards from these industries (?) the land is cut up into city lots.

It is not less than a mile from these places, on Glenford Avenue, is a block of timber and brush, I do not know the exact area, probably five or six acres, where some more enterprising industry-brooding Chinamen breed and fatten hogs and slaughter them. I wonder if the health inspector has pronounced these places sanitary and up-to-date for "them." Mr. Editor, diagonally opposite across the road from this plant (?) is Mr. Pennock's establishment. The land fronting Glenford Avenue about these two pigeries is cut up into four and five acre blocks for residential purposes.

Can any person, therefore, under these conditions, keep hogs on a twelve-acre plot and not be a nuisance to his neighbors? Mr. Pennock had raised hogs, will he please state where they are slaughtered?

Imagine Mr. Editor, among suburban homes, numbers of hogs, separated from the public thoroughfare only by a wire fence. What a disgusting picture for prospective home seekers! We people of this neighborhood have no objection to Chinamen, Mr. Pennock or hogs in their proper place, but we do object most strenuously to Chinamen, Mr. Pennock, or any one else coming here, raising and slaughtering hogs on six or twelve-acre plots adjoining our homes.

I understand, will some one please correct me if I am wrong, that it was the offensive odor caused by milk being run into the open drains that finally forced the Victoria creamery to move into town. Yet there is that fine brick building representing an outlay of at least five thousand dollars, lying idle. Does Mr. Pennock think the people should have endured the stench and said nothing because the creamery was an honest money-making industry? I believe in encouraging industry, but would inform Mr. Pennock that hog-raising is not the only honest, money-making industry in this street. If we can keep these nuisances and thereby attract intelligent law-abiding



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citizens, we shall soon have one of the most beautiful fruit-growing districts anywhere around Victoria, but I have heard a near neighbor of Mr. Pennock's say it was well high impossible to work in his orchard or even sit outside his house when the wind blew from the direction of Mr. Pennock's hog pens. We are not attempting anything unreasonable or impossible, for I have been told that Oak Bay municipality have already enforced their by-laws in this respect.

Mr. Pennock asks where he will go if not in the country? Why who is objecting to him going into the country? By all means let him get out of the suburbs into the country, where he will have sufficient room to keep his hogs the required distance from his neighbors.

E. S. MACLACHLAN,
Glenford Avenue.

O'Brien, in his letter to Mr. Birrell, "that Ireland most certainly will not stand the refusal of the government to receive the Cork deputation, and it may be found that parliament will not stand it either." Parliament seems to have taken the refusal philosophically, and I do not think that Ireland will be very seriously disturbed.

"The keynote in all these proceedings is to be found in an extract from a leader in Mr. O'Brien's own paper, published on September 5 last: 'When the leaders have proved false to the national interests, the people will now, as always, be found alive to what concerns their own welfare.'"

"The Cork meeting was called in pursuance of this pronouncement to save, with the assistance of Lord Barrymore and Duffry, the people from the leaders who had proved false to them." And it is not an edifying spectacle to see Mr. William O'Brien, with the aid of Lord Barrymore, struggling to rescue the Irish people from the leaders who have proved false to them, and not tackling the government to alliance with a body of men who are at this very moment denouncing the

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TROUBLE IN RANKS OF NATIONALISTS
John Dillon, M.P., Denounces Action of Mr. O'Brien and Recent Intrigue

London, Dec. 3.—John Dillon, M. P., has addressed a letter to the Irish Press, in which he says: "The attempt to take the leadership of the Irish movement out of the hands of Mr. John Redmond, which was inaugurated during his absence in America at the Cork meeting, culminated in deplorable proceedings in the House of Commons. I do not believe that any rational man will hold the opinion that these proceedings are calculated to be effective in making an impression on the government or on the treasury. They certainly have not advanced the cause of land purchase or of any of the reforms of the Land Acts now so urgently needed."

"At a critical time when, above all, it was necessary that the National party should act together on the eve of the arrival of the leader of the party and of the meeting of the party summoned by his order to take counsel with him on the situation, action is taken by a handful of Irish members in the House of Commons, action calculated to make the men engaged in a laughing stock and to inflict serious injury on the whole cause of land reform in Ireland, by conveying to the government and the British treasury, so far as it was in the power of those responsible for these proceedings to do it, that there was division in the ranks of the National party and that the majority of the Irish party are secretly opposed to land purchase."

"Such proceedings, accompanied as they have been by foolish threats and abuse, can have no other effect than to discredit all who were engaged in them and to greatly encourage the treasury in resisting the reasonable demands made by the Irish party."

"Permit me to tell you," says Mr.

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WANTED—By young man, room and board, close to Government St. n27

WANTED.
Board and lodging for family of three with respectable family, furnished or unfurnished rooms. Apply 122, Colonist. n1

TO LET.
Board and lodging for lady and gentleman. Apply 117 Superior St. d1

BOARD AND ROOM for two modern conveniences.
59 Menzies St. n9

TEACHER WANTED.
WANTED—Male teacher, with first-class certificate, for the staff of the Victoria Schools. Salary \$80 a month. Duties to commence on January 4, 1909. Apply to City Superintendent of Schools, Victoria. n18

LOST AND FOUND.
LOST—Grey alligator purse. Name on cards inside. Reward, 141, Colonist. d3

Monkey Brand Soap removes all stains, rust, dirt or tarnish—but won't wash clothes.

EMPLOYMENT BUREAUS

STEAM USERS.
Requiring stationary engineers can be supplied promptly with suitable men by applying to the secretary B. C. A. S. E., 210 Cross street. Phone B208. n10

WING ON CHINESE EMPLOYMENT AND LABOR CONTRACTOR.
All kinds of Chinese help furnished, washing and ironing, wood cutting, land clearing, housework, cooks, farm hands, gardening, scavenging; also translators and interpreters. 1709 Government street. Phone 23. n2

ALL KINDS of Chinese labor supplied.
Yin Thom, 1630 Government street. Phone A1748. n4

JAPANESE, HINDU AND CHINESE EMPLOYMENT OFFICE.
All kinds of labor, general contractors. 1601 Government St. Phone 1639. n29

THE DEVEREUX EMPLOYMENT AGENCY.
Removed to 1010 Yates St. (off Vancouver). Business hours: 10 to 2:30. Phone 447.

WANTED.
Aa experienced cook (city), other servants kept; references. n2

WANTED.
Experienced housemaid, woman cook kept; references. n2

WANTED.
Experienced general maid, (country), short distance from town; references. n2

WANTED.
General maid for small cottage, plain cooking, bread and butter making, (Cobbie Hill). n2

WANTED—TO RENT.

WANTED TO RENT—Or lease.
six-roomed house, ten minutes from Parliament buildings, Box 124, Colonist. n3

WANTED.
By gentleman, three unfurnished rooms, light and water; close in. Reply Box No. 113, Colonist. d1

WANTED.
Desk room in comfortable office. Box 894 Colonist. n17

FARM LANDS.

FREE map of British Columbia fruit districts.
together with valuable information about soils, climate, prices of products, best locations, homestead regulations, etc., sent free to those who send name and address at once to Kootenay Orchard Association, Ltd., Nelson, B. C. n12

TO LET—FURNISHED ROOMS.

FURNISHED ROOMS with board; piano and phone.
"Bellevue," Quebec St., close to Government buildings. n25

TO LET.
Nicely furnished room, close in, 711 Herald St., near Blanchard. n2

TO LET.
Furnished rooms, bath, electric light, heat; board if desired, 1605 Blanchard. d1

TO LET.
Furnished bedroom, with use of bath. 322 John street, Rock Bay. n26

TO LET.
Rooms. Garberry Gardens; breakfast if desired. B-1514. n27

TO LET.
Comfortably furnished front room with use of kitchen if required. 528 Michigan St., James Bay. n21

FURNISHED ROOMS.
Very central, 810 Douglas, corner Humboldt street. n1

TO RENT.
Nicely furnished rooms, every convenience. 949 Fort St. Phone B1243. n25

FURNISHED ROOMS.
Elegantly furnished rooms, with or without board. All modern improvements, including electric light and telephone. Close to downtown. Corner Bird and Douglas streets. Mrs. Woodill (formerly Revere House). n28

FOR SALE—PROPERTY.

THREE CHOICE LOTS.
Corner Dallas Road and Park; a money maker. Owner, 44 Ninth Ave., Vancouver. d3

FOR SALE.
Two lots 60x120 each, on Michigan and Montreal streets, one or both, terms. Apply to owner, 1145 Piquet St. n28

FOR SALE.
Four lots on Hillside avenue. Apply 929 Johnson street, or telephone 1998. E. Connors. n21

FOR SALE.
30 acres on Sonoma Lake, one mile from Duncan, Major and situated. Fine house, furnace, water laid on, outbuildings, good fishing, duck shooting. Box X, Duncans. n5

TO RENT—RESIDENCES.

TO LET.
Furnished cottage; also house with modern conveniences. 702 Vancouver St. d3

TO LET.
6-roomed furnished house, \$17. Apply V. Jacobson, Head St. d3

FURNISHED COTTAGE to rent.
modern improvements, central, rooms heated by hot water. Apply 643 Johnson St. City. n2

TO LET.
Part of a modern house, unfurnished. Box 976, Colonist. n29

TO RENT.
We have several modern houses, close in, from \$10 to \$30 per month, immediate possession. We can also sell you new houses with balance to suit the purchaser. Call and see us. Coast Locators, 618 Yates St. n29

TO LET.
5-roomed cottage. Rent \$20. 719 Market street. n29

TO LET.
Large new dwelling, partly furnished, and 1/2 acre of ground planted in fruit, etc., convenient to city. Apply Holsternman & Co., C. Land and Inv. Agency, Ltd., 322 Government St. n26

FOR RENT.
Furnished house of nine rooms, or part of same. Apply Box 39 Colonist. n27

TO LET.
Seven-room bungalow, Stanley avenue, near Fort St.; immediate possession. Apply Holsternman & Co., 1207 Government St. n1

TO LET.
Partly furnished house, James Bay, rent moderate. Holsternman & Co. n1

TO LET.
Furnished cottages on Dallas Road, bath, hot and cold water and electric light. Apply Mrs. M. R. Smith, Sea View, Dallas Road, 104 or 639 Fort street. n15

TO LET.
Cottage, Victoria West, in good order. Holsternman & Co. n1

FOR SALE—RESIDENCES.

FOR SALE.
Furnished bungalow, modern, including Baby Grand piano, central heating, telephone, in the best residential part of city. Apply J. W. Beattie, 1414 Elford St. Phone B-1328. d1

FOR SALE.
Cheap. 6-roomed house, brick foundation, cellar, small stable, two bearing fruit trees, currant and rose bushes, maple shade trees, hedge, city water, electric light, on main road, half minute from Douglas street car. Immediate possession. Price \$1,500, easy terms. Appointment view. Address Butler ranch, Glanford avenue. n4

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MISCELLANEOUS.

CHOICE LOT FOR SALE.
WE HAVE a choice lot on Dunedin St. close to Douglas which we are offering for a short time at \$550. If you know this district you will soon recognize this as a rare chance. Some of these lots are held as high as \$500, and this is as good. Apply D. C. REID & CO., Mahon Building, Phone 1494.

AS AN INVESTMENT
no opportunity is as good as that of the Phlegma Mines, Ltd., Nelson. The richest mines in the West Gold Belt. Surrounded by shipping properties. Ore assays \$45.50 per ton and incurs no smelting penalties. Trains, mills, etc., not needed. Stock being sold to insure a large working force at the mines. Maysmith & Co., Mahon Bldg. n3

SHARES.
100 Canadian North-West Oil for sale at 65c. Box 121, Colonist. n2

SLAUGHTER SALE.
A carload of delivery wagons, wagonettes, farmers' fruit wagons, buggies, and a few high classed carriages, all at low prices. Also a number of second hand wagons and carts of different kinds. R. Ledingham's Carriage Works, 723 Cornorant St., above City Hall. n1

WE BUILD HOUSES.
Cottages, shacks and Greenhouses. Undertake general contract work, good workmen, lowest prices. Apply at once to Box 113 Colonist. n2

FOR SALE.
Emerson piano; apply at 1008 Bletcher Ave. n1

A FEW SNAPS
in English and Canadian bicycles to make room. Central Cycle Depot, successors to Bicycle Depot. Phone Auto Co., Ltd., 1119 Government St. n29

SCIENTIFIC PALMIST AND PSYCHIC.
Florence White, parlor 14 King Edward Annex. Advice on business, health, social affairs, and examinations of horoscopes. Readings \$2.00. Hours 10 to 7, open evenings. n29

POWERFUL MAGIC LANTERN
and slides for sale at a bargain. W. M. Ritchie, 1119 Government St. n29

FOR SALE.
Almost new furniture of a 5-room cottage, all in perfect order. Box 35, Colonist. n29

TO LET.
Small farm, near city, with nicely furnished house; poultry pens (80 head of poultry), hothouse, fig, 100 acres cleared land. Colonist, Box 79. n29

MME. VITAL.
French dressmaking, late of Paris. 1345 Grant street. n29

WANTED.
Offers for a block of 2,000 Can. North-West Oil shares. Any reasonable offer will be considered. 33, Colonist. n26

ESTIMATES
given for all classes of house painting, paperhanging, graining, etc. Prompt return of good workmanship guaranteed. Ware, 1199 Fort St. n25

FOR SALE.
Spring hand truck; furniture, stoves and heaters. Bargains Stores, A. J. Winstone, 1112 Blanchard, near Yates. n25

BUY YOUR LUMBER
at home. The lumber shingling, etc., will be as good business with permit without dictations from anybody or association. Uptown Office 654 Fort St. Mts. 350 Gardiner Road. Phone 845. n22

CARPENTER.
practical in all branches; furniture repaired neat and cheap. F. Smith, 1269 Richardson St., East. n22

FOR SALE.
Houston Tenoner, one snapper, one Smith morticer, one small dynamo, one sticker. Also six heavy duty Taylor Mill Co. Ltd. 2144 Government street, P. O. Box 628. n20

FOR SALE.
Shares in the Canadian Taylor Automatic Fire Alarm and Call Bell Company. Box 513, Colonist. n17

WANTED.
Large or small contracts for pulling stumps. J. Duerast, 466 Burnside. n17

MILLWOOD.
Load, \$3.00; Cordwood, \$5.50. Also dry slabs. Hull, Phone 1121. n1

DRESSMAKING.
The Misses Roberts, 29 Menzies St. Phone A1727. n15

FOR SALE.
Buggies, delivery and farm wagons, agricultural implements, fence, gasoline engines, etc. B. C. Hardware Co., Ltd., 510 Johnson St., Victoria. n14

FOR SALE.
Quantity of old manure. J. Richards, 1122 Queens Ave. Phone 139. n1

SHACKS, COTTAGES.
Contracts wanted to build from \$150 to \$2,500, town or country. New, effective designs and estimates free. Jobbing, repair work. Greenhouse work a specialty. Box 10, Colonist. n1

FOR SALE.
One steam pump as good as new, one low water pump for hot or cold water nearly new for sale cheap. Fairview Esquimalt Greenhouses. Phone 219. n8

FOR SALE.
Or exchange for real estate or good paid up stock, Canadian or United States currency, a money maker that will pay you to investigate. Apply: Box 127, Colonist. n6

FOR SALE.
New buggies, delivery and express wagons; also incubators and brooders. Walker, 3163 Delta Street. Phone A1794. n29

WHY NOT
have good water when you can have it? Artesian well drilled by Smith & Battershill, 749 Pandora avenue, City. n5

ANTIQUE JEWELRY.
Diamonds, Engravings and Pictures bought and sold. A. A. Aaronson, 55 Johnson St. n17

MISS WILSON, DRESSMAKER.
Has removed her work from 41

A BARGAIN DAY INDEED TODAY AT THE BIG STORE

We made great preparations for to-day it being the first Friday Bargain Day in December. We have prepared for you an unusually large lot of unusually good bargains. All over the store you will find bargains that are very much out of the ordinary. Every department is participating in this carnival of value giving. Although we have had busy Fridays in the past we expect these values will make a new record for us to lower

Friday Sale of Women's Waists

Values up to \$1.25 for 75c



A large assortment of handsome waists on sale tomorrow. These waists are made of good quality flannelette in a large variety of light, medium and dark shades, in floral, Persian and other designs. Also some styles made of extra good quality sateen with a beautiful satin finish, in black and white, navy and white patterns. These waists are all new goods and made to pin the best styles, reg. values up to \$1.25. Bargain day price—

75c

Today a Sale of Furs

Regular \$6.50 to \$12.75 values for \$5.00

A nice lot of furs on sale tomorrow, and furs good enough to make a most acceptable gift. The different kinds are Thibet, Grey Squirrel, Opposum, Marmot, Lynx, Fox-line and other nice furs. They are made up in the very best styles, both in stoles and ties. A great chance to buy a good present at small cost. Regular \$6.50 to \$12.75. Bargain day price **\$5.00**

Today's Sale of Work Boxes

Regular 25c to 75c for 10c

FANCY WORK BOXES, little girl's companions, hair pin boxes, etc. These make nice gifts for girls. Reg. value 25c to 75c. Bargain day price **10c**
On sale Third Floor.

Bargains in Xmas Linens

Many people give linens for presents. To them this announcement will be welcome news. And to those who wish to have nice new linens for their Christmas tables this offering will also be of more than ordinary interest. The savings on the lines mentioned are most substantial

70 x 72 in. Satin Damask Table Linen, in new attractive patterns. Regular \$1.25 and \$1.50. Special today, per yard **85c**

BREAKFAST CLOTHS, 60 x 60 in., of unbleached linen, hemmed ready for use. Special today, each **50c**

BREAKFAST CLOTHS, 60 x 60 in., of fine unbleached linen, hemmed ready for use. Special today, each **75c**

BREAKFAST CLOTHS, 60 x 72 in., of fine bleached damask, hemmed ready for use. Special today . . . **\$1.35**

FINE SATIN DAMASK CLOTHS, 2 x 2½ and 2 x 3 yards, border all around, handsome patterns, poppy, pansy, rose, fleur de lis and shamrock, regularly sell for \$5.00 to \$6.50. Special today **\$3.90**

18 x 18 in. TABLE NAPKINS, hemmed ready for use. Regular \$1.00. Special today, per dozen **50c**
(Not more than one dozen to a customer.)

18 x 18 in. LINEN NAPKINS, hemmed or unhemmed, good patterns, ivy, polka dot, shamrock, etc. Regular \$2.50. Today **\$1.50**

19 x 19 in. LUNCH NAPKINS, fine Irish linen, hemmed or unhemmed, pansy, shamrock, fleur de lis, rose and polka dot. Reg. \$3.00. Today **\$2.00**

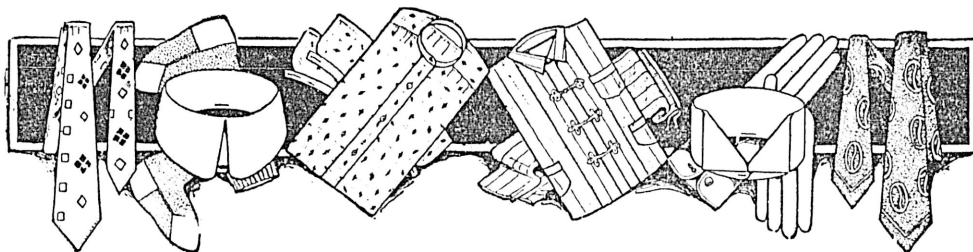
The Sale of Women's Coats

Is attracting more than ordinary notice. We have never before offered coats at this time in the season at such low prices. All the winter weather is yet to come, giving every chance of getting your money's worth of wear out of the garments, yet we offer coats of the best styles at end-of-the-season prices, coats that in some cases are marked away below what it cost to make them. Prices \$5.00, \$8.75 and **\$13.75**

Today's Sale of Fit-Rite Suits

\$18.50, \$20, and \$22.50 Suits Will Sell for \$13.75

A Sale of Fit-Rite Suits. This announcement in itself is enough to draw a crowd, but better still a sale of these suits at a big saving, that makes it doubly interesting. Fit-Rite Clothing has a reputation, the right kind of a reputation, one that stands for nothing but the best, the best fit, the best style, and the best workmanship. Most men know this. We merely repeat for the benefit of those who do not. There are 75 suits in this lot. They represent everything that is new in style and cut, being just from the manufacturer. They are in both single and double-breasted style, the single-breasted effect prevailing. In the matter of cloths they excel in particular, not before this season have we had such a handsome lot of patterns, and all the newest shades are shown. One of these suits would be a valuable addition to any man's wardrobe. Regular \$18.50 to \$22.50. Today **\$13.75**



Xmas Bargains in Men's Dept.

75c and \$1.00 Silk Ties 50c

A beautiful lot of Silk Ties, just the right thing, just the right patterns and qualities of silk usually sold at 75c and \$1.00. This is the best lot of Xmas neckwear we have ever shown at **50c**

Boy's \$1.25 and \$1.75 Sweaters 95c
BOYS' FANCY SWEATERS, extra good quality of worsted in fancy designs, regular \$1.25 to \$1.75. Bargain day price **95c**

These Bargains in Gloves

AT 50c—Boys' Kid Gloves.
AT 75c—Value \$1.00. Men's Kid Gloves, Mocha, wool lined.
AT \$1.00—Value \$1.25. Men's Kid Gloves, value \$1.25. Wool lined.
Men's \$2.00 and \$2.25 Sweaters \$1.45
MEN'S SWEATERS, a nice weight and splendid quality of worsted, pretty fancy designs, regular \$2.00 and \$2.25. Bargain day price **\$1.45**

MEN'S FANCY HANDKERCHIEFS, durable silk finish, white ground, with fancy colored hemstitched borders. Special, each **12½c**

MEN'S COLORED SILK FOUR-IN-HAND TIES, same quality silk as the 50c grade, a variety of shades and patterns to suit all tastes. Special **25c**

COLORED SILK FOUR IN HAND TIES, in rich fancy silks, plain silks and plain poplins, a large assortment from which to select. Special **50c**

MEN'S NATURAL WOOL MIXTURE SHIRTS AND DRAWERS, shirts double-breasted, good winter weight. Per garment **50c**

MEN'S EXTRA HEAVY ALL WOOL SHIRTS AND DRAWERS, shirts double-breasted and reinforced at all points of wear. Per garment **\$1.00**

MEN'S SUPERIOR QUALITY UNDRESSED MOCHA WOOL LINED GLOVES, dome fastener. Per pair **\$1.00**

MEN'S FANCY BRACES, for presentation, each pair in a separate pretty gift box. The web of these braces is plain or fancy, in various shades of blue, pink, fawn, grey and white sunshades for embroidery, superior quality, per pair **75c**

MEN'S FINE PRINT SHIRTS in a great variety of neat patterns, cuffs separate or attached **\$1.00**

MEN'S FINE QUALITY WHITE SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, good size, hemstitched borders **25c**

MEN'S INITIALED WHITE SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, hemstitched borders, embroidered silk initial in corner **35c**

MEN'S COLORED LISLE SOX, green, blue, red, brown and purple, embroidered with silk **25c**

MEN'S WARM WOOLEN GLOVES, double lined wristlets, shades browns, greys, heather, and blacks. Per pair **50c**

BOYS' WARM WOOL-LINED DOGSKIN GLOVES, wool wristlets, mostly dark shades of leather. Per pair **75c**

BOYS' SPECIAL QUALITY WOOL LINED DOGSKIN GLOVES, dome fastener at wrist. Per pair **\$1.00**

MEN'S BROWN UNDRESSED MOCHA GLOVES, wool lined for cold weather. Per pair **75c**

MEN'S NATURAL WOOL UNSHRINKABLE ELASTIC RIB SHIRTS AND DRAWERS, best make, shirts double-breasted. Per garment **\$1.00**

Today's Sale of Silks

Six Items Worth Considering

A little shake up in the Silk Department for tomorrow. These six items are worth your careful attention tomorrow morning:

FANCY TAFFETA SILKS, in a variety of stripes and checks, regular 75c. Bargain day price **45c**

JAPANESE SILKS, all colors, including a good assortment of art shades, regular 50c. Bargain day price **35c**

TAMOLINE SILKS, a good variety of fancy checks, also tartan plaids in quite a variety, regular 65c. Bargain day price **45c**

FANCY DRESDEN TAFFETA, very handsome designs, regular \$1.50. Bargain day price **75c**

RICH BROCHE SATINS and TAFFETAS, suitable for evening dresses and waists, reg. up to \$2.25. Bargain day price **\$1.35**

RICH BROCADED SATIN, in several different shades. Regular up to \$2.75. Bargain day price **\$1.90**

Friday Sale of Children's Coats

Values up to \$12.75 for \$5.75

About ninety coats in this offering, and every one is a bargain. All the styles best suited for children are included in both three-quarter and full length coats. They are nicely made of attractive patterns in fancy tweeds, also plain military serges in different shades. They are nicely trimmed with contrasting colors and brass buttons in some cases. Some are lined, others are unlined. The sizes run from four years to fourteen years. Regular selling prices up to \$12.75. Bargain day price—



\$5.75

Today's Sale of Books

25c Novels for 15c

250 Novels, nicely bound in cloth, with gilt letterheads, a large list of titles to select from, regular selling price 25c. Bargain day price **15c**

Brushes on Sale Today

Good Savings in These Lines

HAIR BRUSHES, ebony back, regular \$2.75. Today **\$2.00**

TOOTH BRUSHES, regular 15c. Today **10c**

BATH SACHETS, regular 75c. Today **25c**

HAT BRUSHES, regular price 75c. Bargain day price **45c**

HAIR BRUSHES, light back, reg. 75c. Bargain day price **50c**

HAIR BRUSHES, ebony back, regular \$1.75. Bargain day price **\$1.00**

HAIR BRUSHES, ebony back, regular \$2.00. Bargain day price **\$1.50**

Bargain Prices on Slippers

Good Reductions on Wanted Lines

A chance to save money on slippers tomorrow. Perhaps you'll be able to get some for presents that you intended making, and at a substantial saving.

CHILDREN'S FELT JULIET SLIPPERS, regular \$1.00 to \$1.40. Bargain day price **50c**

LAST YEAR'S WOMEN'S FELT SLIPPERS, oddments in values up to \$1.25. Bargain day price . . . **50c**

BOYS' LEATHER SLIPPERS, sizes 11 to 13 only. Today's price **50c**

BROKEN LINES in MEN'S SLIPPERS, values up to \$1.25. Today's price **50c**

Leather Collar Bags, 75c

Just opened a lot of these bags bought at a very low price. There are three different grades in the lot, the better qualities being priced at \$1.25 and \$1.50. The lower priced line is a particularly good value. They are shown in plain and suede leathers in a large variety of shades and colors, and are a good bargain for today at **75c**

Today's Candy Special
Chocolate Chips, per lb. 30c

DAVID SPENCER, LTD.

Chocolate Special for Saturday
Per Box 25c